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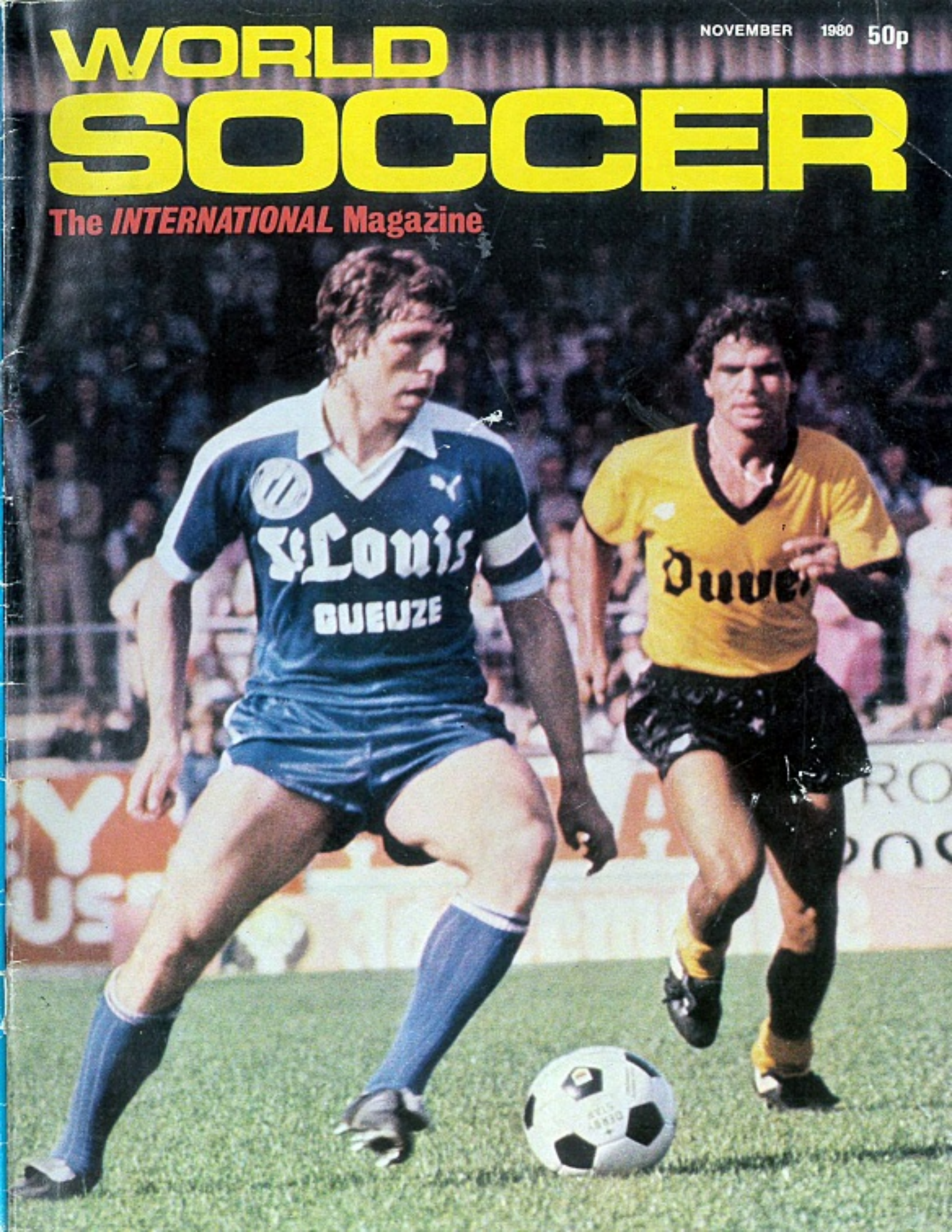

ENGLAND v NORWAY Terry McDermott scores from the penalty spot

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THEY'RE TOP OF THE PILE

WALES top . . . Northern Ireland top . . . Republic of Ireland top . . . but setbacks for England and Scotland. That was the mixed bag outcome from World Cup qualifying group matches in mid-October.

So it's the less fancied smaller nations who are setting the pace and not the might of England and Scotland.

England had what will probably amount to be their toughest qualifying group match when they travelled to Bucharest to meet Romania.

The home side won 2-1 with a disputed penalty proving to be the decider. But there was very little to dispute that Romania merited their victory and that England were generally rather disappointing.

Denuded of Kevin Keegan, Ray Wilkins, Trevor Francis, Trevor Brooking and Paul Mariner, England obviously didn't field their strongest side. They were under the hammer for much of the first half and fell behind to a splendid goal from Raducanu.

The Romanians had several penalty appeals, more merited than the one they were eventually awarded, turned down and generally couldn't turn their advantage into more goals.

England were thrown a lifeline when Tony Woodcock equalised and for a time had the better of exchanges. But their hopes were dashed when Sansom was adjudged to have brought down Crisan in the penalty area and referee Ulf Eriksson gave a penalty. Iordanescu stepped up to ram the ball past Clemence for the decider.

It was the English defensive showing that gave most cause for worry in a match that put Romania on top of the Group Four table.

Scotland shared a goalless draw with Portugal at Hampden Park in a match in which both sides didn't look World Cup Final material.

The Portuguese came to defend and performed adequately against a Scottish side that dominated play but created few chances. When they did get through they found Portugal's Bento in good form in goal.

The result left Northern Ireland on top of Group Six on goal difference from Scotland. The Irish achieved the distinction of beating Sweden 3-0 with a performance that had manager Billy Bingham drooling with approval.

Noel Brotherston, Jimmy Nicholl and Sammy McIlroy scored the goals in a first-half which totally destroyed any Swedish resistance.

Wales added to their 4-0 victory in Iceland with another 4-0 win, this time in Cardiff against Turkey.

The Welsh go to the top of Group Three on goal difference from the Soviet Union and the manner of their performance will put them in good heart for the tough match with Czechoslovakia this month.

Brian Flynn started the rot with a splendidly struck chip shot and Leighton James added a penalty before the break. Ian Walsh headed the third and James rammed home the fourth as the Turks found it difficult to muster an answer to a confident Welsh side.

The Republic of Ireland had their toughest home game of Group Two when they entertained European Championship runners-up Belgium.

They were quickly a goal behind to a Cluytens effort but Tony Grealish levelled and that was how the game finished.

The Belgium manager, Guy Thys, was full of praise for the Irish performance and rated their chances of progression to the finals higher than Holland . . . already victims of the Irish.

GROUP II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eire	3	2	1	0	6	4	5
France	1	1	0	0	7	0	2
Belgium	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	2	10	0
Holland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

GROUP III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
Russia	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
Czechoslovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
England	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Norway	2	0	1	1	1	5	1

(Switzerland and Hungary still to play)

GROUP VI

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N. Ireland	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Scotland	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Israel	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Sweden	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

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Three against one — Kenny Dalglish outnumbered by Portuguese defenders.

US Soccer Special feature by PAUL GARDENER

NASL desperately needs an American born Chinaglia. . .

WHAT sort of a year has 1980 been for American soccer? Not to be too original about matters, it has been the best of years, it has been the worst of years, the most exciting and the least exciting, the season of Light and the season of Darkness, the spring of Hope and the winter of Despair. Just like any other season, in fact. It depends who you speak to. "A very blah year," said one club president, "nothing happening, not like in previous years, where we always had *something* new, this year there was nothing to grab attention."

Granted, we didn't have the arrival of a Pelé or a Cruyff, we didn't have the appointment of a Kissinger, we didn't have the announcement of a fabulous new television contract. Granted. So that's the sort of year it's been, the year we didn't have a lot of glamorous things happening. But, for that reason, it's been a year in which we have been able to concentrate a bit more intensely on the game itself, to get a closer look at how we're doing on the field.

Not too badly, actually. NASL clubs are now able to take on pretty strong teams from overseas and to play them on even terms. The Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup held at the beginning of the season (featuring the Cosmos, Vancouver, Roma and Manchester City) ended up with the Cosmos and Vancouver coming in first and second. Rot, I hear the critics cry, for the Europeans were able to send only weakened teams. Quite true, but one also has to give some credence (after allowing for diplomatic niceties) to the statements of both Malcolm Allison and Nils Liedholm about the American teams. Both coaches were impressed and complimentary, not fulsomely so, but realistically and analytically.

Well, the Cosmos one would expect to be playing top-class football, after all they have bought enough top-class players. But there are now half-a-dozen other teams in the NASL capable of looking like very good teams: Vancouver, Tampa, Seattle, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, Dallas . . . and perhaps Washington and Los Angeles.

Beyond that select group, admittedly, the problems begin. In particular, they begin for the Cosmos. The attendances at Cosmos home games have been down this season, and my feeling that at least part of the problem is that too many of the home games feature teams like Atlanta, Rochester, Memphis, Edmonton, Portland and Toronto which the local fans sense — quite rightly — cannot give the Cosmos a competitive game.

A bad sign — and also a promising one. For it does indicate a growing sophistication on the part of the fans. It is an important message for the NASL top brass, one which they must heed promptly. It says, in effect, that the success of this league lies more with quality than with quantity. The NASL has now 24 teams. Is it too many? No, it is not — not if they were all top teams, or if even a majority of them were.

But the sad fact is that about half of those 24 are just not up to scratch, neither on the field, nor as club organisations. And it is no great secret why — they are under-financed. Rochester, for example, has been the perpetual bad joke of the league, the team that coaches always threaten to trade their recalcitrant players to, the team with a field that, said Franz Beckenbauer, would be good for growing potatoes on, and this year the team that had difficulty paying its players.

The Philadelphia Fury don't come out of the season smelling any sweeter. Started three years ago by a group of rock stars and New York lawyers and agents, the Fury always seemed to me more of a public relations stunt than a soccer club. I recall the opening game: a special train was run from New York, crowded with all sort of with-it, in people, eating and drinking and talking anything but soccer.

Franz Beckenbauer, at the end of his farewell game, receives a silver plate from Cosmos Chairman, Nesuhi Ertegun, and President, Ahmet Ertegun. Photo: Richie Casanas.

Boring

The opening game was indescribably awful and boring, and the Fury lost. On the return journey, the atmosphere on the train seemed unaffected by the scoreline. A snatch of conversation I overheard between two long-haired rock-type people might explain why:

1st person: What did you think of the game?

2nd person: Uh, I never got to see it . . . we lost, huh?

So, when — after two years of hopelessly inadequate operation — the Fury had managed to make a shambles of soccer in the Philadelphia area (an area which ought to be one of the best in the country, given the amount of youth soccer played there), it was hardly surprising that the owners lost interest and allowed their plaything to drift into nothingness. Or rather to drift north of the border. For the franchise has been sold, and will move from Philadelphia to Montreal for next season.

This sort of opportunistic commitment to

soccer, the sort that just disappears when the going gets tough, is something we have to live with in the States. And may be elsewhere, too, for it becomes more apparent the more commercial involvement we have.

But, for my taste at least, it all becomes a little *too* obvious at the NASL's Awards Banquet, held a couple of days before Soccer Bowl 80. The awards, and there seem to be more of them each year, are to the players — the best this and the best that and the most valuable, the other — so that surely the banquet ought to feature a lot of soccer? Not so. Very little soccer, in fact, but a deluge of pompous waffling from all sorts of people who profess an undying admiration and devotion for the sport of soccer, yet manage at the same time to reveal that they know little about it and don't care all that deeply.

The awards, you see, are all sponsored. Thus Roger Davies of Seattle did not win the Most Valuable Player award — he won The Xerox award for the MVP. To introduce it, we needed, of course, a speech from some high official from Xerox. And so it went on for each award. The moment of brutal truth came from the hapless gentleman from the Metropolitan Insurance Companies, who told us "how excited we all are at the Met about soccer" and followed that up by revealing that "everywhere we go there's a great deal of excitement about hockey . . ."

A slight pause as the groans and giggles from the audience get through to the speaker, who hastily says ". . . er — soccer . . ." and ploughs humourlessly on.

Images

Would anyone who really cared about soccer, who understood it, who carries its images in his mind, make an error like that? I think not. Alas, throughout the three or four days preceding Soccer Bowl, I seemed to be constantly running into people whose commitment to soccer was so obviously built around some form of profit or gain.

Hollywood star Sylvester Stallone was at the banquet too — he has a new film that features soccer heavily. It all seemed OK until I spoke to Stallone the following day, when he told me: "Listen, I hate the sport — but that's all right, because so does the character I play."

Stallone then gave a short little speech to a group of soccer people saying that he had great respect for the sport.

Perhaps I shouldn't be too hard on these people, soccer does need their help, even if they can't get its name right. Anyway, their bumbling attempts to look as though they really care would be much less noticeable and much more bearable if through it all one could hear, loud and clear, the true voice of genuine soccer people. And precisely here is where the sport seems to have been let down.

At the banquet there was really only Cruyff who spoke, in anything approaching a serious vein, about soccer. He reminded everyone, quite correctly, that there were a lot of problems still to be solved, especially in the development of young players. Which would be most praiseworthy . . . if one didn't know that Cruyff has a company operating in the States called Inter-Soccer, which, among other commercial activities, is attempting to run — for a profit, naturally — youth camps and clinics.

Then again, at a press conference, we had both the coaches — Hennes Weisweiller and Cor van der Hart — defending, even extolling, the NASL's 35-yard offside line. Two experienced soccer men speaking out in favour of a silly innovation that has accomplished nothing.

Pele, too old at 40 . . . ? As Krol dives in to the invitingly displayed ball.

Weisweiller and van der Hart have had less than one season's experience of the 35-yard line. I have watched it for eight years now, and have compiled some detailed statistics on it, as well as a host of personal impressions and players' opinions.

At the very least, and I'm being extremely charitable here, I can say that it has no effect one way or the other on the game of soccer. It does not produce more attacking play, or more goals, or make the game more attractive or exciting. In my opinion on some of those counts it has precisely the opposite effect. Just one statistic, if I may. In 1972, the last year in which the NASL played under international offside rules, the average number of goals per game was 2.79. The following year, the first with the 35-yard line, the average went *down* slightly, to 2.73.

Having told us how the 35-yard line was needed because of the way that teams in Europe were killing the game with negative play and offside traps, Messrs. Weisweiller and van der Hart then put their theories into practice, and — in the first half of Soccer Bowl — gave us a splendid example of cautious, unadventurous, and ultimately downright dull soccer. I am willing to admit that a climactic final game for the championship might call for a bit of caution — but the point is that the 35-yard line does absolutely nothing to prevent dull games, if that's the way that coaches and players want to play.

The far from scintillating game that we got for Soccer Bowl 80 (things did buck up a bit in the second half, when the Cosmos scored three goals) was really the most telling negative point of all the festivities. For here was a chance for soccer people to sweep away all the platitudes and the pomposities that had gone before, and enchant us with the glory of soccer. Sad to say, they failed us.

Yet, here again, there were reasons from outside for the disappointing game. Soccer reasons, in a sense, but still reasons that have more to do with soccer politics than soccer the sport. Namely: the NASL's rule that insists that all their teams have at least three North American citizens on the field at all times.

A ruling that was framed with the best of intentions, to accelerate the arrival of American players. The number was two last year, and the increase to three has had, as far as one can tell, a slightly negative effect on the calibre of play in the league. Something that is surely acceptable if the ultimate aim is accomplished.

But one can surely have serious reservations about a scheme that purports to *legislate* players into existence. Either the players are there or they are not. The argument in favour of the rule was that, yes, the players were there but that because the league was dominated by foreign coaches who preferred foreign players, the Americans were simply not getting the chance to play. And I believe there was some truth in that. But we now have a rule that drastically limits a coach's choice of players, and on occasions forces him to field clearly inferior players.

Starters

That is exactly what happened in, of all games, Soccer Bowl 80, the NASL's showcase game, nationally and internationally televised. The day before the game one of Fort Lauderdale's American starters pulled a muscle. By the rule, his replacement *had* to be another American, which necessitated a deal of position switching, and the fielding of at least one inexperienced player.

It also meant that there was no place on the starting line-up for two very experienced players — Keith Weller and Francisco Marinho. Worse was to come — because, if there are three Americans on the field, there must be at least three on the bench to permit substitutions within the regulations (three subs are allowed in the NASL). So, Marinho was told he wasn't starting, promptly threw a temper tantrum, refused to sit on the bench,

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and so, incredibly, took no part in the game.

Neither did Keith Weller, there was just no room on the bench for him either. The result of all this was a sadly unbalanced and ineffective Fort Lauderdale team. When the time came to make substitutions, Cor van der Hart was forced to bring on two ludicrously inexperienced young American players whose total playing time for the whole season was under 200 minutes!

Maybe the Fort Lauderdale Strikers are to blame for not ensuring that they had better American reserve players. That is not so easy, either. With 24 teams in the NASL, each requiring three American starters and three good reserves, that would mean 144 players of first-team quality throughout the league.

Possibly, they may be there — but to ensure their equal distribution among the clubs is obviously impossible. The Cosmos, for instance, have long been aware of the problem. And they have done the obvious thing, by signing up a group of at least six of the best American players.

Which solves the Cosmos substitution problem, but creates two new problems. First, it removes from circulation at least three good American players who would be starting for any other team in the league. This is not a problem that the Cosmos need worry about, of course, but the second difficulty is very much a Cosmos affair. Namely, that it is impossible to hand on to top American players unless they get playing time.

Take the case of Larry Hulcer. In 1979 he was the league's Rookie of the Year with the Los Angeles Aztecs — the league's most promising young American, in effect. So the Cosmos pounced, and bought Hulcer. But where Hulcer had played in 22 games in 1979, with the Cosmos in 1980 he started in only three games. From being a potential star, he has become a forgotten figure. Needless to say, Hulcer is unhappy and wants out of the Cosmos.

Another dissatisfied American on the Cosmos is Rick Davis. He was hailed as the Golden Boy of American soccer in 1979, and won yet another of the NASL's array of awards — he was the North American Player of the Year. The good-looking and personable young Davis seemed just what the league was waiting for, the All-American boy who could endorse products and act in commercials and quite possibly be the sport's first American super-star (well, that's the way people were talking last year).

But 1980 has been a cruel year for Davis. Benched for much of the time by injury, he had found his place on the Cosmos taken over by another young citizen — Angelo di Bernardo.

Di Bernardo counts as an American because he is a citizen, even though he was born in Argentina, and didn't come to the United States until he was 16 years old.

But if di Bernardo is hardly a product of the American soccer scene, what is one to say about another of the "Americans" who regularly makes up the Cosmos quota of three starters? Namely, Giorgio Chinaglia, now a naturalised American citizen.

All this underlines the arbitrary and illogical effect of the NASL's rules demanding that three citizens play. There is also a clear possibility that the rule would not stand up in court. Should a legally-resident alien be able to prove one day that he is being kept off a team because of the rule, then the court would almost certainly throw the league's rule out as being discriminatory.

While Hulcer and Davis suffered with the Cosmos during this past season, one young American who profited immensely was 19-year-old Jeff Durgan. He represents the positive side of the NASL rule. The Cosmos signed Durgan in 1979, straight out of high school. Would they have bothered without the NASL rule?

Almost certainly not. Durgan's chances of playing in 1980 looked worse than anyone's. The Cosmos had been using Wim Rijsbergen as a stopper, but felt they needed someone stronger in the air. So they went and signed the young defender from Brazil's national team, Oscar. Third in line was Durgan.

Yet, at the beginning of the 1980 season, injuries to both Rijsbergen and Oscar gave Durgan his chance. All you need to know is that by July, the Cosmos had sold Oscar back to Brazil. Durgan proved himself extremely strong in the air, a big physical presence, not always too sure in the tackle, but very quick to recover.

Remarked

He held his place not on the quota, but on merit, looking as solid as any central defender the Cosmos have ever had. Add to that the right attitude; at a coaching session, Weisweiller remarked: "He listens, and he learns so quickly, he does what you ask him to do." Weisweiller then turned to look at another player: "About this one, I'm not so sure." This one was Don Ebert, and there the Cosmos problem starts all over again.

For Ebert was the No 1 pick in the draft of college players. Which, in theory at least, made him the top college player in the country in 1979. The Cosmos signed him with the expected blaze of superlatives . . . but within six months they had released him unconditionally. No other club in the league signed him.

Does the sad case of Ebert prove anything? Prove is probably too strong a word, but it is another piece of evidence supporting the view that the elaborate draft of college and high school players each year is more of a public relations exercise than anything else. Agreed that most of the players drafted are not signed by clubs (some of them are not even approached by the club!), and agreed again that of those who are signed, even fewer actually get to play.

But nonetheless, the draft has served to focus the clubs' attention on college and high school players, has caused them to create scouting systems, has made them aware of the youth soccer scene in the United States. That may not sound like too big a deal, but it has to be remembered that the traditional links between clubs and youth soccer simply do not exist in this country.

The draft, then, has served as a first step. But there can be no denying that for the clubs the pickings from the college ranks are pretty slim. Whether the colleges can ever serve as a

Last year Rick Davis (17) was the League's North American Player of the Year. This year he has been benched by injury, and has struggled to find a place in the Cosmos team. Photo: Richie Casanas.

farm system for the pros is a question that has not yet been answered, but with each passing year it seems more and more likely that they cannot.

Among the problems are the colleges' short season, the lack of top-class coaching, and the fact that different rules are in force in the colleges. As just one example: the colleges (and the high schools and youth programmes) all allow free substitution, under which players may be taken out and put back into a game as often as the coach requires.

As a means of undermining the development of good soccer players, it would be hard to find anything more effective. Young players never learn to pace themselves (as soon as they look tired they come off for a short rest), they learn nothing of building up an understanding of team-mates or opponents (as the teams are constantly altering around them), and they develop a mentality which acknowledges the coach as the master-mind, the one who makes all the clever moves during a game.

Which goes a long way to explain why, increasingly, the NASL clubs are looking to sign players out of high school. In this way they believe they can save the players from four years retrogression at the colleges. A fine theory, but one that crumbles when put to the test.

Because the pros really have very little to offer high school kids. As soon as such a player signs with a pro club he has lost the opportunity of getting a free college education on a soccer scholarship — even though the pro clubs are supposed to guarantee him an education. His reward is to be the superior soccer training that he receives, and Durgan's experience with the Cosmos shows that it can happen. But not very often.

Only about two or three NASL clubs have functioning reserve teams. This means that a player not on the first team simply does little with the club other than train or watch. Not a very satisfying situation for a young player who has been lured away from college with promises of stardom.

What will solve all these problems, presumably, is time. As the present large generation of soccer players grows up and has children, then those kids will take to the sport more naturally, at a younger age, with more informal coaching from their parents, they will play on better teams, and so on. Unfortunately, if there is one thing Americans are not at all good at, it is being patient. They want results yesterday, and in the case of soccer they have a commanding reason for needing quick action.

Realistic

The feeling is that for soccer to capture the imagination of young Americans, it must offer them the same sort of opportunities as grid-football, baseball and basketball. That means a realistic shot at a pro career and a lot of money. To make that vision come true, obviously there must be — soon — American players at the top level of the NASL.

This sense of urgency is what is behind the attempts to force the growth of American players, attempts such as the draft and the NASL's 3-American rule.

(A minor digression at this point: another "forcing" project has just come to light, to wit, that the NASL should allow free substitution in its games, just for American players. This is a suggestion from the NASL Players' Association, the Union that the NASL has been trying to avoid for two years — but which now has a court order demanding its recognition. Much as my sympathies lie with employees rather than employers, I really do not hope for too much from a union that comes up with ideas like this. This is also the same group that made a dreadful hash of trying to organise a strike last year. The resulting flop was thoroughly deserved, for one of the key weapons used to bring about the strike was a threat — not to the owners, but to the union's own potential members! — that if the foreign players didn't support the strike they would be deported by the Labor Dept. The union has clearly decided that it will be the champion of the American players, and I await with mingled fear and desperation their next moves.)

Roger Davies of the Seattle Sounders, the League's Most Valuable Player in 1980, being closely marked by the Cosmos Jeff Durgan, the League's Rookie of the Year. Photo: Richie Casanas.

For those who wonder just what a team composed entirely of American players would look like, and how they would perform, we have for inspection the US national team. Composed exclusively of young Americans playing in the NASL. Presumably, too, these are the best of the bunch. It has to be said that the US National is not a wondrous sight. Individual players who look good when playing alongside more experienced pros for their NASL team, appear decidedly pedestrian when lined up with like players on the national team.

This is a very ordinary team. Probably, that is all we can expect for the moment — we are constantly being told that the real promise of American soccer lies with the younger players. So how about the Olympic team? Here we run, once again, into the forcing syndrome. Only here it has been taken a step further, and borders on downright cheating.

For the vast majority of the young players on the Olympic team are under contract with NASL clubs, signed on so-called "Olympic registration" forms. Under these the players are technically amateurs, the NASL clubs having agreed not to pay them for playing soccer. Instead, they are paid anything up to $25,000 a year, ostensibly for conducting soccer clinics and personal appearances and so on. A neat, thoroughly devious arrangement that reflects little credit on those who arranged it.

And those very organisers, the people at the United States Soccer Federation, had the gall to protest that Mexico — who had beaten the US in the qualifying round — were using pro players. Of course, as do many countries, the Mexicans *were* using pros. They withdrew, and the US passed on to qualify for Moscow, to be finally balked by the US Olympic boycott. I should be extremely interested to

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Speaking Personally with Leslie Vernon

The Press corps was waiting for Ron Greenwood to appear at Wembley after the recent Norway match. He came in late, sat down heavily, and after a short uncomfortable pause, said: "I am satisfied."

There was a stunned silence for no apparent reason to me, and then Ron slowly elaborated his brief statement. He said that 4-0 win over anyone must be a satisfactory start to our World Cup quest, and that he was especially pleased that the newcomers, Robson, Gates and Rix, after an initial nervous period, settled in nicely.

"They were conscious of the fact that they were playing instead of the injured Wilkins, Keegan and Brooking. It takes time for a new player to acclimatise himself to international football," he explained patiently.

I agreed with everything he said, although there was an unnecessary aggression in his voice, like a man who feels obliged to defend a perfectly reasonable point of view.

The fact is that the honeymoon between the media and Greenwood is well and truly over. I don't understand why, but no one has a good word to say about the current England team.

I am writing these lines before the Romania match, and I cannot fathom out this animosity. The England team are progressing well, the performances might not always be scintillating, but the results are "satisfactory", and it is difficult to find fault with the selection policy.

Everyone can pick a different team, but I don't think anyone could select a better one! The failure in the European Championship was a comparative one, and no truly great team emerged from that sorry competition.

In other words, the current England side have no one to fear, and I agree with Greenwood that England have as much chance as anyone of winning the 1982 World Cup.

In the same *Daily Mail* interview, Ron also explained why he is thinking of changing the style of the England team.

He said: "If I had come back from failing to win the European Championship and said we had nothing to learn, I would have been crucified. So instead, they're having a go at me for adopting some of the Continental style for our own use. We have been too insular in this country.

"It concerns me that people can't recognise the need for progress and change in football, as in every walk of life. Television did upset me the way they set me up in the summer in Italy. But it doesn't rattle me any more. I accept that the England manager is up here to be shot at."

Greenwood quoted Coventry and West Bromwich as "Continental style" teams, but he would have done better to talk about Liverpool. They have been "playing from the back" in European competitions for years, and their results need no justification.

Greenwood confesses in the same article: "I would like to be remembered as the manager who restored respect for England all over the world. I feel we've gone a long way towards achieving that already."

We have! And that surely must be partly due to the man at the helm, who I insist has done a very good job during the past three years. He will continue to do so, qualify for the World Cup Finals easily, and then prepare and select the best possible squad for the Finals.

It is time a truce was called between this excellent England manager and the media. Don't shoot the pianist, he is doing his best!

When Istvan Zsolt, the well-known Hungarian referee, came to England to officiate, he used to tell me: "I am here to referee according to the local customs, not to teach them how to play the game."

This basic principle is no longer true as far as the UEFA competitions are concerned.

Before the season started, some 70 top-class referees from 32 European countries attended a special course in Zeist, Holland, where they received their instructions on how to referee a UEFA Cup tie!

For good measure, a little booklet was also issued called *The Companion*, in which certain points were underlined as potentially dangerous developments in present-day football.

Don't sho player —

I found the guidelines fascinating, and they deserve to be published in full, so that we can understand the relationship not only between the referees and players, but also between the referees and the UEFA, who through their assessors, intend to make sure that referees follow their new code of conduct.

The emphasis is on discipline, the curbing of violent play, time-wasting and dissent. But they are too strict, and indeed, in the very first round, we had a match in which three players were sent off (Hamburg v Sarajevo), and another where one player was sent off, and four penalties were awarded. Here are the new regulations in 20 salient points.

1. Violent play is to be stopped immediately, regardless of the player or the team. To recognise violent play one does not have to be an expert on regulations. Violent or potentially violent footballers have no place on the playing field.

2. A referee who earns respect from the start is unlikely to lose control of a game. If necessary, the referee should not hesitate to show either the yellow or the red card in the opening minutes of the match.

3. To make the referee's work even more difficult, many unfair tactics are rehearsed and practised to perfection. Players must be made to feel — before it is too late — that the referee is firmly in control of the game, and that any unsporting conduct will not go unnoticed or unpunished.

4. Accomplishment of these first three points requires absolute application and concentration for the entire game. As a referee you must, however, be prepared for unexpected and unpleasant situations and be able to deal with them promptly.

5. In present-day football, too many incidents occur behind the back of the referee and the culprit too often escapes detection. It is therefore essential that the referee strives to obtain an overall view of the game.

6. Mental alertness depends upon physical fitness. This requires sensible living habits, intense training, a pre-match warm-up and — immediately before each game — rest and relaxation for one's nerve.

7. Tactical handling of the game is important. It is necessary to be flexible insofar as the diagonal system of control is concerned. The line goes further than the edge of the penalty area. Decisions will not be accepted from referees who remain 30 metres in front of the goal. A referee is credible only if he keeps up with the action.

8. Decisions must be made clearly, confidently, quickly and precisely. With as few gestures as possible and no discussions with the players.

9. Referees showing an obvious home tendency will receive no further appointment. Such tendencies start already by accepting exaggerated hospitality and may last until the final whistle of a game.

10. Penalties are to be awarded in accordance with the laws of the game. Someone will always be dissatisfied. Relocating the actual scene of the misdeed or substitution of the penalty with an indirect free-kick indicates a referee who is lacking in character.

11. Every foul caused by physical contact or by improper use of the feet can result only in a direct free-kick. Referees should only rarely raise the arm above the head, accept immediate execution of

ot the piano or Greenwood!

Norway goalkeeper Tom Jacobsen gathers the ball as England's Tony Woodcock rushes in during England's 4-0 win at Wembley.

free-kicks and take action against players failing to observe this and the 9.15m. distance.

12. Have the courage to ward an indirect free-kick in the event of time-wasting tactics by the goalkeeper. The four-step rule remains in force. Do not hesitate to order a penalty to be retaken in the goalkeeper moves too early and no goal is scored. But pay attention also to the conduct of the players during the taking of the penalty-kick. Have the courage not to turn a blind eye and not to take the line of least resistance.

13. Act decisively and immediately against time-wasting tactics of every kind. Administer cautions and add on extra playing time. Remember — footballers consider themselves to be the best actors. But there's also a referee!

14. Players who feign injury only want to waste time and to be refreshed by their masseur's "magic sponge". Referees must act against such tactics — even if there's a storm of protest from the fans.

15. Don't forget that there are many footballers who play the ball with one foot — and foul an opponent with the other. In such cases the excuse "I only played the ball" must not be accepted.

16. A player who is playing the ball is often obstructed in his follow-up movement by an opponent standing in his way. This is obstruction by contact, and an offence for which a direct free-kick must be awarded.

17. When a defender breaks up a promising attacking move by seizing the ball or holding back an opponent, the referee must show the yellow card in addition to awarding a direct free-kick. In midfield one can be somewhat more lenient — unless the offence is always committed by the same player.

18. In future pay much more attention to obstruction of the goalkeeper during a corner-kick. Such conduct must not be allowed, because it does not relate directly to the fight for possession of the ball. Only positioning by a player in front of the goalkeeper is allowed; any hand or foot movement by the attacking opponent is not permitted. This also applies to other situations involving the goalkeeper.

19. In order to deal with all these problems, the referee needs the support of his linesmen. But this does not mean a three-referee system. A linesman signals an incident which happens close to him and which he presumes the referee can not see. There are now so many incidents in a game that the referee alone is unable to see everything. However, any particular incident should be observed by at least one of the three. This applies also to offside decisions where, incidentally, too many mistakes are still being made.

20. In present-day football the referee has to fulfil many administrative tasks. He must understand them, perform them and report on them. Any referee who has problems with these duties or acts unconvincingly in carrying them out will also be open to criticism on the field.

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SPAIN by Keir Radnedge

WORLD CUP ON SCHEDULE

WITH less than two years to the World Cup Finals, Spain is shaping up in a way which is providing huge relief for FIFA president Joao Havelange.

Argentina in 1978 provided a brilliant show, but that was a miracle, since so much had to be done at the last minute after the Peronist government let matters drag.

Colombia '86 bears all the hallmarks of a repeat of the Argentine anxieties. Already Brazil and the United States have made public their interest in stand-in candidacies. So the Spanish effort is likely to be the one comparatively smooth ride for FIFA in a 12-year sandwich of South American uncertainty.

Havelange said recently that Spain could stage the World Cup Finals tomorrow if that were necessary. And while that was going a little far, it reflected official relief at the prospects for the 24-team 1982 finals.

Facilities

Spain has all the basics.

Hotel accommodation is good thanks to the tourist trade; television facilities need developing but the infrastructure exists and the contracts are already handed out; rail and air links need to be streamlined and speeded up, but the routes are there.

And, most important, Spain has all the stadia — with the exception of one new ground, planned for Valladolid.

If anything, too many cities and clubs have been clamouring for a share in the finals, which is why the controversial enlarged formula suits the man with the headache of making it all work — Raimundo Saporta.

For years he was the financial wizard who kept Real Madrid successfully solvent. But Saporta left in 1978 after the death of his mentor, president Santiago Bernabeu, the man who had introduced him to the club and to football's corridors of power in 1952.

Saporta had protested then that he was a basketball man, and knew little of football. But Bernabeu pointed out that he had football men to run the football, but needed business men to run the administration.

Saporta was first general secretary, then later vice-president and after he had arranged Bernabeu's succession he stepped down, to be snapped up immediately by the Spanish sports ministry to run the World Cup.

Saporta has done the job efficiently and ruthlessly — even winning a major political battle against town councils who wanted to run the local organising committees themselves.

"If I'm in charge," insisted Saporta, "then I'll run the whole set-up my way or else I want no part of it."

By threatening to quit his suite of offices just down the road from the Real Madrid ground and walk out on the World Cup, Saporta achieved exactly what he had hoped. Everyone pleaded with him to stay and agreed to his price — a free hand to name whoever he wanted for whatever job he wanted doing.

According to a preliminary scheme for the finals already submitted to FIFA, matches will be staged at 16 grounds in 14 cities and towns, with the opening game (featuring champions Argentina) in Barcelona and the final in Real Madrid's Estadio Bernabeu.

Both grounds require major facelifts. Barcelona are to increase *official* capacity from 90,000 to 115,000 — though in practical terms this means from 100,000 to around 130,000 — while Madrid are to reduce from 100,000 to 90,000 to enlarge the Press area and install more seats for the fans as well as add a roof round the third tier.

All in all the organisers expect to spend £40 million on improving stadia from Bilbao in the north to Valencia in the south-east and local government grants — as we've reported here previously in detail — will account for £15 million. Much of the improvements are to bring TV, radio and general Press facilities up to standard, for some 15,000 reporters and technicians will attend.

Pools levy

Saporta said on taking over in 1978 that the finals should cost Spain nothing. What he meant was that a pools levy and promotional and advertising deals would raise much of the basic £50 million needed, rather than government handouts.

A string of 31 committees has been set up to cover every problem from sanitation to security.

The biggest problem outstanding, says Saporta's aides, is not whether the country will be ready — Saporta has always insisted he expects work finished a year in advance — but whether Spain's football team can match the standards laid down by their own organisers.

Summer tournies

TROFEO ALCARRIA (**Guadalajara**). — Guadalajara 0, Nottm Forest 3 — Guadalajara 0, Tottenham 1 — Tottenham 0, Nottm Forest 2. **Winners:** Nottm Forest.

TROFEO ALMERIA. — Almeria 5, Honduras 0 — Honduras 2, Cruz Azul 1 — Almeria 1, Cruz Azul 0. **Winners:** Almeria.

TROFEO BAHIA ALGECIRAS. — Algeciras 6, Olhanense 0 — Salamanca 4, Linense 0. **3rd pl:** Linense 3, Olhanense 1. **Final:** Salamanca 1, Algeciras 0.

TROFEO BARCELONA. — Zaragoza 1, Timisoara 1 (3-2 penalties) — Espanol 2 Cruz Azul 3. **3rd pl:** Espanol 2, Timisoara 3. **Final:** Zaragoza 3, Cruz Azul 0.

TROFEO SANTIAGO BERNABEU. — Real Madrid 2, Benfica 2 (4-1) — Bayern 0, Kiev 0 (4-2). **3rd pl:** Kiev 2, Benfica 1. **Final:** Real Madrid 1, Bayern 1 (4-5).

TROFEO BILBAO. — Bilbao 1, Bohemians 3 — Wolves 3, Borussia 4. **3rd pl:** Bilbao 1, Wolves 0. **Final:** Borussia 2, Bohemians 0.

TROFEO CACERES. Cacereno 2, J. Evora 1 — Tampico 1, Badajoz 1 (4-3). **3rd pl:** Badajoz 1, Evora 1 (4-3). **Final:** Tampico 1, Cacereno 1 (4-2).

RAMON DE CARRANZA (**Cadiz**). — Cadiz 1, Betis 1 (1-4) — Flamengo 2, Tbilisi 2 (4-3). **3rd pl:** Cadiz 1, Tbilisi 1 (0-3). **Final:** Betis 1, Flamengo 2.

TROFEO CID (**Burgos**). — Burgos 3, Hungary U21 1 — Valladolid 1, Cruz Azul 1 (4-5). **3rd pl:** Valladolid 2, Hungary U21 0. **Final:** Brugos 0, Cruz Azul 1.

TROFEO COLOMBINO (**Huelva**). — Espanol 0, Vasco da Gama 1 — Huelva 3, Dynamo Zagreb 2. **3rd pl:** Espanol 3, Dynamo Zagreb 1. **Final:** Huelva 1, Vasco da Gama 3.

TROFEO COSTA DEL SOL (**Malaga**). — Malaga 1, Slavia Sofia 1 (3-4) — At Mineiro 3, Salvia 0 — Malaga 0, At Mineiro 1. **Winners:** At Mineiro.

TROFEO HANS GAMPER (**Barcelona**). — Vasco 3, River Plate 2 — Barcelona 2, PSV Eindhoven 1. **3rd pl:** PSV 0, River Plate 0 (2-4). **Final:** Barcelona 2, Vasco da Gama 1.

TROFEO IBERICO (**Badajoz**). — At Madrid 2, Badajoz 0 — Porto 2, Spartak Trnava 1 — At Madrid 3, Porto 2. **Winners:** At Madrid.

TROFEO VILLA DE MADRID. — Ajax 3, International PA 1 — At Madrid 1, CSKA Sofia 1 (3-1). **3rd pl:** CSKA 2, Internacional 2 (5-5). **Final:** At Madrid 1, Ajax 1 (3-1).

TROFEO COSTA VERDE (**Gijon**). — Gijon 3, Levsky 0 — Porto 2, Alkmaar 3. **3rd pl:** Porto 3, Levsky 1. **Final:** Gijon 2, Alkmaar 3.

TROFEO MARBELLA. — Castilla 2, Everton 1 — Sevilla 2, Belenenses 1. **3rd pl:** Everton 4, Belenenses 1. **Final:** Sevilla 4, Castilla 0.

TROFEO NARANJA (**Valencia**). — Valencia 2, Vasco da Gama 2 — Vasco 1, Boca Juniors 2 — Valencia 3, Boca 0. **Winners:** Valencia.

ROFEO PALMA. — Real Madrid 2, Belenenses 1 — Real Sociedad 0, Bohemians 0 (6-5). **3rd pl:** Bohemians 3, Belenenses 2. **Final:** Real Madrid 1, Real Sociedad 0.

TROFEO SANTANDER. — Santander 1, Levsky 1 (4-5) — Real Sociedad 0, Flamengo 2. **3rd pl:** Santander 3, Real Sociedad 2. **Final:** Levsky 1, Flamengo 2.

TROFEO SEVILLA. — Betis 3, Roma 0 — Sevilla 1, Dynamo Zagreb 1 (5-4). **3rd pl:** Roma 3, Dynamo Zagreb 2. **Final:** Sevilla 1, Betis 2.

TERESA HERRERA (**La Coruna**). — Real Madrid 2, Porto 1 — Gijon 1, Flamengo 1 (4-2). **3rd pl:** Porto 4, Flamengo 1. **Final:** Real Madrid 3, Gijon 1.

TROFEO VALLADOLID. — Burgos 1, Tampico 2 — Valladolid 2, Honduras 0. **3rd pl:** Burgos 3, Honduras 1. **Final:** Valladolid 1, Tampico 0.

TROFEO VIGO (**Pontevedra**). — Celta de Vigo 3, CSKA Sofia 2 — Barcelona 1, At Mineiro 1 (3-2) — Celta 3, Barcelona 2. **WINNERS:** Celta.

TROFEO ZAMORA. — Zamora 0, Mallorca 0 (3-4) — Salamanca 1, Bulgaria 1 (3-4). **3rd pl:** Zamora 1, Salamanca 0. **Final:** Mallorca 1, Bulgaria 0.

TROFEO ZARAGOZA. — Zaragoza 0, Partizan Belgrade 0 (5-4) — Espanol 0, Sporting Lisbon 0 (5-4). **3rd pl:** Sporting 2, Partizan 1. **Final:** Zaragoza 2, Espanol 3.

SWITZERLAND by Arthur Rotmil

SWITZERLAND'S last test before the World Cup qualifying ties against Norway at Bern on October 29 and England at Wembley on November 19, was greeted with a mixture of optimism and pessimism. The score line, a narrow 2-3 defeat by the European Champions West Germany, looked so acceptable on paper, that the country's most authoritative publication "Sport" Zurich headlined their match report with the sentence — "The nicest defeat in years"!

Those who claim to have looked deeper and analysed the game reminded everybody the Germans led by 3-0 by the 70th minute and quite clearly had eased off to allow the Swiss to score twice in the last six minutes, to make the result far more respectable than it looked possible earlier. Nonetheless, it was a much more positive display than that insipid 1-1 draw with Denmark a fortnight back.

National team manager Leon Walker was on the whole satisfied, especially with the aggression and spirit shown in the final quarter, when many teams would have given up all hope. Experts generally claim that at least seven players have booked their places in the team to tackle Norway and England: Engel, Lüdi, Wehrli, Hermann, Botteron, Tanner, Barberis and Pfister.

Cup holders

Walker is still looking for one or two forwards. Possibly a place will be found for Schönenberger (Young Boys), or Zwicker (FC Zürich), while Sulser (Grasshoppers) remains in contention.

Raimondo Ponte, now with Nottingham Forest, has not shown the form expected of him and was not always first choice for the European Cup holders.

That was a fine week for Swiss football, for the B-team beat a very strong West German B-team 2-0; the Under-21 side defeated Austria's Under-21s also 2-0 away, while the national youth team beat the Russians!

In the A-team the most significant progress was made by Rene Botteron. Since his move to Cologne this gifted player added to his repertoire, but above all, now has the stamina to last fully 90 minutes, something the tough German training schedule has helped him to achieve. Now, that he has been promoted to captain of the national side, Botteron has blossomed into a top class player as his high marks given by reporters in Bundesliga matches testify.

But Walker has problems with Switzerland's outstanding footballer, Umberto Barberis, or strictly speaking with his club Monaco. The French insist that his contract only stipulates release for competitive, or otherwise agreed internationals. Thus Barberis was not released for the match v. West Germany and neither was goalkeeper Erich Burgener in altogether different circumstances.

Heinz Ludi of Switzerland.

'Nicest defeat in years'

Burgener's club Lausanne refused to free their 'keeper because their League match v. Lucerne was fixed for Friday evening, so as not to clash with the local Festival. Swiss FA rules state that a player engaged in a midweek international is not allowed to perform till at the earliest on Saturday at 8 pm!

Both these problems have been self-inflicted by the Swiss FA (SFV), who occasionally seem to blunder in a curiously inefficient manner. What this organisation obviously lacks is a commanding figure aware of what goes on at national as well as international level.

The championship campaign brought one surprise so far — for the first time in 22 years Lucerne had taken the lead in the First Division. This is incidentally a very important season for Swiss club football as well, with several innovations promising an interesting championship.

There is a new formula, teams playing each other normally home and away without "halved points", or play-off pools for the title, or against relegation. There will only be one club relegated this season, but three will gain promotion as the First Division is being increased to 16 teams next term.

Dope tests

All matches are starting at the same time. There are for the first time dope tests carried out, while soon licences will be issued to safeguard the financial status of the League clubs. Then there is the start to the World Cup qualifying programme, the departure of five players abroad — Ponte (England), Botteron, Gross (West Germany), Barberis and Andrey (France). For the first time more than half the team managers (eight out of 14) are Swiss. And the League is having just two mid-week matches, on October 8 and June 4.

But the proposal to let the League Cup winner enter for the UEFA-Cup has been rejected. Switzerland is allowed just two clubs in this tournament and it is felt that there would not be enough incentive for clubs to finish third or fourth in the League if they could not get a place "in Europe".

After five matches Young Boys led the table after beating Lucerne 3-2 in a dramatic match. The crowd of 25,000 (season's best so far), saw five goals in 14 minutes and one of the best matches seen here for a long time. At the end both teams received a standing ovation for this high class entertainment.

Gates are up this season, the highest in fact for four years. In the 1976-77 term the average crowd was 6,725, then followed a slump, but now the figure has reached 6,601. Best supported club are Young Boys with 15,333 per game, followed by Lucerne on 9,933 and Sion with 8,400.

In the European tourneys the Swiss clubs had mixed luck. Pride of place must go to champions Basel who eliminated FC Bruges on a 5-1 aggregate. Bruges after all, are the champions of Belgium, the finalists in the European Championship.

The biggest sensation of the Swiss Cup was the elimination of Servette by FC Martigny from the 1. Liga — the equivalent to the Third Division. The Geneva club, who parted company with several internationals in the summer, was also k.o'd by the French club Sochaux in the UEFA-Cup.

TWELVE

by Brian Glanville

TAYLOR – WITHOUT CLOUGH

THE temptation to dismiss Brian Clough and Peter Taylor as humourless, arrogant and greedy is not always easily resisted. They themselves can make it very difficult. Nevertheless I have found *With Clough by Taylor* (Sidgwick and Jackson, £6.95) skilfully mediated by Mike Langley of the *Sunday People* an obsessively readable book.

Like them or loathe them, the story of Taylor and Clough is an irresistibly dramatic and successful one, told here with a good deal of frankness and (the fine, Italian hand of Langley in evidence) considerable journalistic skill. What with this book, Rob Hughes' biography of Trevor Francis and the history of the European Cup by Motson and Rowlinson, these are much better days for football books, so long limited, in the inventive words of John Arlott, to "ghosted fan fare."

Even Sammy McIlroy's autobiography, though old fashioned, straightforward stuff on the whole, has in it some intriguing anecdotes; not least those concerning Tommy Docherty in his managerial days.

One alleges that in Switzerland, where McIlroy was playing in a youth tournament, Docherty slipped a "Mickey Finn" into his drink, with distressing consequences; another recounts the time that Manchester United players locked Docherty into the lavatory on one of their long distance coach trips, Sammy McCreery (now with QPR) having his head banged against the side of the coach when the manager burst his way out, fuming.

But to return to Peter Taylor; and to Clough. As I am a soft touch for anecdotes of football in the 1950s, and earlier, I found particular interest in the picture Taylor paints of Middlesbrough in those now remote days. How far away seems the gilded (bird in a gilded cage?) life of our footballers today, with their £500 a week basic wages, their enormously lucrative bonuses and perquisites, their conspicuous consumption in full public view.

Clough, as a young player with Middlesbrough, who at first could scarcely be bothered with him, was netting little more than £11 a *fortnight;* even if the pound then was worth substantially more than it is, now.

And as late as 1965, Taylor, as manager of Burton Albion, the non-League club which would produce for him Peter Ward, thought he was doing well on £34 a week, with another seven quid a week for coaching a local school.

The story of how he and Clough revived Hartlepools United, a club where rain poured through practically every roof on the ground, and where a previous manager Fred Westgarth had kept bantams in the stand, is one of high comedy; and conflict. A self-made Chairman scarcely five foot high would massage his own ego by summoning players in for a dressing down; and actually rebuke Clough and Taylor for getting the club too much publicity!

In parenthesis, I cannot resist telling another tale of Fred Westgarth, an unreconstructed Geordie famous for his solecisms. This one was retailed to me by another fine old Geordie, Charlie Spencer, a Newcastle United centre-half, later manager of Grimsby Town: It was during the war, and Spencer rang Westgarth to fix a match between Hartlepools and Grimsby. "Let's play on New Year's Day," he suggested.

"New Year's Dee?" said Westgarth. "New Year's Dee? When's that?"

Taylor, who played in goal for Coventry City before joining Middlesbrough, shared with Clough a deep admiration for another legendary, old school manager in Harry Storer, a Derby County and England half-back, a Derbyshire cricketer, with an almost obsessional regard for physical courage, a Gung Ho approach to the game which Taylor, to his credit, I think, does not share.

Taylor does not mention the fact that Storer, when at Coventry, used to call his players "the hard work and hot water boys," but he gives us an unusual portrait of this unusual, shrewd, rather primitive man. From Storer, such a figure of the past, these two highly modern managers learned, by their own admission, a great deal.

The mystery of just how they work their small miracles remains unexplained; as mysteries perhaps should do. They have been almost astoundingly successful at Derby and Nottingham, failed, as Taylor admits, at Brighton, while Clough, on his own, had a wretched if lucrative 44 days at Leeds. Why he went there in the first place is another profound mystery; it was rather as though Stalin were to accept the Papacy. But then, again, why did Leeds invite him (any more than Manchester City asked Alison back to Maine Road?

That Taylor has a fine eye for a player is shown over and over again, though I would quarrel with some of his judgements. He badly underrates Ray Wilkins and Kenny Sansom, and absurdly overrates Ray Kennedy, who simply hasn't the pace for an international footballer, however well he may have served Liverpool. It is also quite clear — and Taylor, perhaps to his credit, doesn't hesitate to admit it — that the two treat their players quite ruthlessly. At least they seem to have the honesty to tell them, when they sign them, that they are expendable, that they'll be sold as soon as anybody better becomes available, but this scarcely excuses the callousness with which they used little Willie Carlin at Derby, and big Peter Withe, at Nottingham.

Taylor writes graphically of his row with Clough in Turin, just before the 1973 first leg semi-final against Juventus, and of his fracas with Juventus "heavies" when, warned by John Charles, he tried to come between Juventus's German star Helmut Haller and the referee, Germany's Schulenberg, at half-time. He knew from Charles that Haller, inexcusably and disgracefully, had been in Schulenberg's dressing room at half-time.

What Taylor does not, surprisingly, go on to discuss is the Lobo-Solti scandal, engendered by the second leg at Derby, when Solti, the Hungarian, tried to "bend" Lobo, the Portuguese referee, for the return leg at Derby. He failed, Lobo talked, and Solti was ultimately suspended. Feeble, inept UEFA sent Juventus a letter of thanks and exculpation.

Ah well, you can't win 'em all. Not even if you are Brian Clough and Peter Taylor.

Brian Clough (left) with Peter Taylor.

AFRICA by James Mwambazi

A referee takes to his heels as he is pursued by angry players. Such acts of hooliganism are commonplace at many of the African soccer matches.

HORROR ROAD CRASH

ZAMBIA'S soccer scene was plunged into its darkest hour when Pro Fund Warriors', home-bound after their 2-0 victory over Lubengele United in a league match, were involved in a road crash which killed nine, including seven players and their team manager and seriously injuring 13 others. The accident happened when their bus careered off the road and ploughed into a tree 37 miles north of Lusaka on the Kabwe-Lusaka road.

Killed were: Chris Chikwanda, 23, Gilbert Chola, 24, Joseph Daka, 24, Anthony Mulenga, 27, Sydney M'fune, 24, Philip Sakala, 21, Godfrey Chileshe, 22, and team manager Abraham Chabumbwe, 36.

Previously the worst accident to hit Zambia's soccer was in 1969 when three Ndola United players, all schoolboy internationals — Paul Mulenga, 18, Joseph Chintu, 18, and 24-year-old Winnie Chama — died when their bus overturned seven miles from Kapirimposhi on the Kabwe-Lusaka Road. The team were returning to Ndola after their 1-0 victory against Lusaka Tigers in a division one league match.

The soccer scene was also rocked by life bans and suspensions of key players as a result of indiscipline and beating up of referees and their linesmen.

Five of Mufulira Wanderers players — all of them potential candidates for the Zambia XI — were suspended for a total of 52 months for missing training. They were Willie Mukwasa, Edward Nkole, Moses Kunda, Dennis Silole and Benson Musonda. Wanderers took this measure to instil discipline in the club following the team's fluctuating performances that have seen them knocked out of all the cup competitions. They have also been pushed down the league table and there is no chance that they will catch up with the top three teams — Red Arrows, Kabwe Warriors and Green Buffaloes.

The other club to be hit by suspensions is Green Buffaloes, currently third in the league table. Two of their players, midfielders Chris Kaoma and Peter Tembo, have been suspended for life for beating up linesman Michael Ngwesha after a league game against Power Dynamos. They drew 1-1. The other player, striker Obby Kapita, was suspended for the rest of the season for taking part in the affray.

The departure of these three players from Buffaloes line-up leaves a big vacuum in the team's midfield and upfront and will need hard work from the team if they are to maintain their stranglehold on their position in the league table.

As if this was not enough, Buffaloes home ground, the Independence Stadium, has been shut for their home games until January 1 next year. The disciplinary committee of the Football Association of Zambia hopes that by taking these measures sanity will return to the Buffaloes' fans and players.

Soccer hooliganism has not only been rampant in Zambia but in Ghana as well. The Referees' Association of Ghana (RAG) have had to rescind their threat to boycott all home league games of Kumasi Asante Kotoko because of the incessant molestation of referees by fans.

The RAG rescinded their threat after their meeting with the Ghana Football Association in Accra, at which the GFA promised the RAG their full protection.

A statement from the GFA said: "The Ghana Football Association wishes to make it clear that it has the obligation to develop and promote soccer in the country in the right atmosphere and is taking necessary measures to ensure that the arm of the law takes its course and all culprits brought to book."

The association also reminded clubs that they were responsible for the behaviour of their fans before, during and after matches. GFA warned that clubs would be made to suffer for any acts of hooliganism brought to the notice of the association.

ZAIRE

A.S. Bilima of Zaire upset predictions by beating Ghana's Accra Hearts of Oak 1-0 in the second leg of the quarter-finals of the African Cup of Club Champions in Lubumbashi and qualified for the semi-final of the competition on a 4-2 goal aggregate.

Bilima won the first leg 3-1 in Accra. They now advance to meet the defending champions, Doula Union of Cameroon, in the semi-finals.

The defeat of Accra Hearts of Oak, one of Africa's colourful and formidable teams, by the unknown quantity of Zaire, who are reputed to be draw experts in away matches, was the upset of the championship race.

Accra Hearts of Oak really lost the battle in their first tie played before their partisan crowd at Accra Stadium. This club, whose motto is "never say die", played sub-standard football and conceded two goals in two minutes when they were trying to come into the game.

Bilima took the field with great enthusiasm and twice, in the fifth and 17th minutes, they gave notice that they were out to upset the odds. And a goal did come their way in the 22nd minute. Left-winger Yafa, hero of the match, completely unmarked broke loose and centred for inside-left, Ndela, who nodded home the match opener.

Hearts had hardly recovered from the shocker when their left-winger, Douglas Togoe, had to be taken off the field on a stretcher after a collision with Bilima full-back Yela. He was replaced by Kayede.

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FRANCE by Andre Duclos

ROUSSEY WINS HIS FIRST CAP

LAURENT ROUSSEY, France's new centre-forward, who led the international line for the first time against Juventus in September, won't be 19 till December, yet already he is a veteran in terms of publicity. He was still but 13 when his photo appeared on the cover of a sports magazine, after he had won the skills competition for his age group at the old Stade Colombes in Paris.

Olekziak, the former Saint Etienne forward, was there to see him do it. So it was that the celebrated Pierre Garonnaire, the scout who has brought so many fine players to Saint Etienne — did he not spot Dominique Rocheteau even though he finished *last* in such a skills competition? — made a visit to Marseilles and acquired the young Roussey for his club; though it would be a couple of years before he joined them.

Opportunism, shot and heading power, all the qualities a centre-forward needs, are Roussey's, says the French team manager, Michel Hidalgo. Roussey, meanwhile, lives quietly in Saint Etienne, his head unturned, thinking of little but football, anxious to keep his place in a French team bidding for the World Cup of 1982; though goodness knows there are plenty of splendid young rivals, not least Yanick Stopyra of Sochaux.

Then, in the Saint Etienne team, there is another splendid teenage forward in the right winger Laurent Paganelli, a little fellow where Roussey is tall, who has been widely compared with Raymond Kopa. Such a comparison may be a little early, but the forceful Saint Etienne President, Roger Rocher, says that in his view, Paganelli has a much better shot than Kopa.

Foreign centre-forwards continue to do well in the French Championship. To the likes of Peretz, the 40 times capped Israeli centre-forward who has scored some fine goals for Strasbourg, we must now add yet another in the long line of fine German centre-forwards who have played and scored for Laval. It was in fact one of them, Georges Tripp, who recommended the present incumbent, 24-year-old Uwe Krause, to the club, just when they were wondering how to replace the veteran German black striker Erwin Kostedde, who finished joint leading scorer in the Championship last season.

Enter Krause who, as Tripp points out, is untypical of German strikers in that he prefers technique to power, although he is quite a good fellow. Born in Brunswick, Krause found his opportunities with the local club surprisingly limited. Last season a misbegotten defence policy, which still didn't save them from the Second Division kept him out of the team most of the time, though he had scored 20-odd goals the season before. At Laval he quickly began to score them, and in a variety of pleasing, talented, skilful ways.

Roussey, to return to that gifted young man, has one more quality which wasn't stressed by Hidalgo; guts. He has come back to football and to form after missing nearly a season and a half with a broken leg. That sorts the men from the boys; even when they are as young as Roussey.

Tours, up from the Second Division, made a surprisingly good start. They admit that they were scared silly by what happened last season to Brest, who made an appalling beginning from which they never recovered, and slid straight back to the Second Division. Tours were not going to let that happen to them; and they were materially helped by the fact that four of their first six matches were at home.

Behind them stands a shrewd trio: Jean Royer, both Mayor of Tours and Club President, a great enthusiast and once himself a goalkeeper; 45-year-old Pierre Philippon the manager, in his fifth season at Tours, themselves only two years old as a professional club, formerly in charge of Bordeaux, among other clubs; and former Nantes pro Yvon Jublot, he too 45 years old a very shrewd man indeed in the transfer market, many years sports director of the club.

He it was who wheeled and dealed through the summer, his greatest coup being the signing of the 20-goal a season man, the Monaco striker, Italo-Argentine Delio Onnis, already prolific. There's another fine foreigner in the inexhaustible Pole, Zbigniew Seweryn, one of a lively midfield which attacks almost to excess. Crowds tripled at the beginning of the season, tubular stands have enlarged the capacity of the excellent ground with its beautifully kept pitch by a third, and the future seems, if injuries can be avoided and the defence a little tightened, set fair.

Mixed fortunes, at the start of the season, for the young Saint Etienne midfield man, Jean-François Larios. He was one of the best French players on the field in the match against Juventus, showing both skill and power, highly delighting Michel Hidalgo, but in the meantime there loomed over him a four match suspension in the League.

Larios observed wryly that he thought he had been hard done by, that it was unfair that a player should be so heavily punished simply for disputing the issue with a few referees while others could break someone's leg and get away with it. Besides, he said plaintively, no one seemed to have given him credit for phoning those referees afterwards and apologising to them. A little naive, perhaps, but he may have something of a point.

"I thought only of playing on Sundays and working all the week. I've been eight years in the big city. I got there too late to modify my style of play completely." Thus the highly talented coloured winger Jacques Zimako, who played ducks and drakes with the Juventus defence when he came on the field, scoring the winning goal and thoroughly enjoying himself. Perhaps part of the secret of the ex-Bastia and now Saint Etienne winger is that he still plays like an amateur.

At Bastia, he recalls, the Yugoslav crack left winger Dragan Dzajic was forever practising his dribbling and crosses. Not so Zimako.

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URUGUAY SEARCHING FOR A WAY BACK

by Eric Weil

URUGUAY, starved of international success lately, but encouraged by the recent success of first division champions Nacional in winning the Libertadores Cup (South American club championship), has promised its players 10,000 dollars each if they win the "Little World Cup" (Mundialito) between former World Cup winners which will be played in Montevideo from December 30 to January 10, 5,000 dollars if they are losing finalists and also 200 dollars per point.

In two recent internationals — both 0-0 draws — at home against Chile and away to Brazil, Uruguay showed good defence, but complete lack of penetration in attack. Against Chile they did the attacking, but could not get through and lost the annual Pinto Duran Cup between the two countries on a 2-1 aggregate.

In Brasilia it was the other way around as Brazil — admittedly without their best man and organiser, Zico (who was on tour with his club, Flamengo) — also showed a complete lack of ideas in breaking down a well-placed defence.

Experiment

Uruguay did not field their strongest team in either of these matches as coach Roque Maspoli left out some players from big clubs Nacional and Peñarol (who generally form the basis of any Uruguayan national team) in order to experiment.

An American tour in November may give a better idea of Uruguay's chances . . . or it may not. They are scheduled to play international matches in Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Mexico — mostly opposition far below the standard of Holland and Italy whom they will have to face in their group of the "Mundialito".

Maspoli says he will not attempt to bring back any Uruguayan players with clubs abroad . . . mostly in Argentina. "It isn't the same as with Argentina," he said. "They already have the basis of a team with several players from abroad, but we haven't and can't afford to experiment at the last moment."

Furthermore, he says that some players in Argentina — midfielder Carrasco for example — have asked for more money than the rest of the squad is getting to play for Uruguay. But he might try and get centre-forward Fernando Morena — who has never made any question of money — for next year's World Cup Qualifying games.

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ARGENTINA'S national squad of 18 which hopes to include three World Cup players from abroad — Ardiles, Bertoni and Kempes — for the Montevideo tournament, is training four times a week under coach Menotti and will be concentrated in Mar del Plata as from November 20 which means that the players will not be able to line up for their clubs in the final stages of the national championship.

Drug control is expected to start in Argentine soccer at any moment and Menotti is one of those against it. "This isn't the way to resolve the problem," he says. "I think the best way is preventive medicine, education and help for the youngsters not to get into these vices."

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VENEZUELA is scheduled to play its first World Cup qualifying match against Brazil in Caracas on February 8, but there is no national team and no coach.

The FA is finding it impossible to get a team together as clubs are opposed to giving up their leading players while the league championship is in progress . . . and no coach will accept to take charge of preparations under these conditions.

The FA wanted to give the job to Uruguayan Walter Roque who has been in Venezuela for 17 years as player and coach, but he was only willing to accept if the players were at his disposal by the middle of September . . . and this has not been possible.

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PERU finally re-called Marcos Calderon, 52, who took them to the last World Cup finals, to coach their national squad after toying with the idea of luring back Brazil's "Didi" who coached possibly Peru's most successful team ever in the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico.

Didi is currently coaching in Kuwait and told Peruvian officials by phone that he could not break his contract, but it is estimated that he is earning 20,000 dollars a month there and there was strong opposition in Peru — even from parliament — against attempting to bring him back because of the cost.

Calderon, who was about to pick his squad at press time for World Cup qualifying matches against Colombia and Uruguay between July 26 and September 9 next year, said he would try and bring back internationals playing with clubs abroad in view of the short time available if they can be in Peru in good time and mentioned veterans such as Teofilo Cubillas, 31, from Fort Lauderdale Strikers (US), Cesar Cueto, 28, from Nacional (Colombia), Jose Velsquez, 28, from Canada — the half-line in the last World Cup — Guillermo Las Roas, 28, from Nacional (Colombia), Juan Oblitas, 29, from Belgium and Geronimo Barbadillo from Mexico.

Calderon's salary was not revealed, but press reports estimated it at not more than about 3,000 dollars a month.

Osvaldo Ardiles

SOUTH AMERICA by Eric Weil

Maradona's small club finish runners-up

DIEGO MARADONA'S Argentinos Juniors — a modest club with a world class star — took second place in the Argentine First Division championship behind River Plate who had already made sure of retaining the title almost a month earlier.

The second place gives Argentinos Juniors a possible chance of entry to the Libertadores Cup for the first time. If River Plate also wins the national championship — now in progress — for the second year running, the second-placed team in both championships will play-off for a place in next year's continental cup tournament.

In the fight for second place Argentinos Juniors deservedly beat River Plate 4-2 although the latter had by then already won the title . . . and they did it without Maradona who missed the last two matches due to a virus infection which put him into hospital for four days.

Maradona, however, again finished as first division top scorer — last year it was jointly with Estudiantes' Fortunato (now playing in Italy) — with 25 goals, followed by Huracan's Sanabria on 21 . . . and in the second match of the national championship he scored a hat-trick to take his total of championship goals to 101 since his first-team debut less than four years earlier.

He achieved this in 154 matches since November, 1976, which is quite a feat for a midfielder not yet turned 20 at the time, but then Maradona, apart from having scored many brilliant individual goals, is also a good penalty and free-kick taker. (A table of his goals is published herewith.)

The 50th professional first division championship in Argentina will, however, not go down in history for excitement nor for the good quality of its soccer. It did, however, produce a record number of 150 players sent off with relegated All Boys being the main culprits with 21 in their 36 matches.

It was notable for the poor showing of five of Argentina's big soccer clubs. San Lorenzo, Velez Sarsfield (vice-champions the year before), Independiente and Racing were all in danger of relegation until the end and Boca Juniors struggled at the bottom of the table for over half the season before finishing with a run of 14 matches of which they only lost one.

Financial problems had a lot to do with it at Boca Juniors, Racing and San Lorenzo, the situation becoming intolerable at the latter club where players not only failed to receive their pay but fans clubbed together to buy new jerseys, towells and soap for the players. But another reason was the general levelling of standards which, for example, resulted in the relegation of Quilmes with many of the same players in their team which had won the championship two years earlier. With a dozen more points — which is not so much over 36 matches — they would have been fighting for second place also.

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IN COLOMBIA, Atletico Junior of Barranquilla, winners of the season's first professional championship, had their 21-game unbeaten streak ended with a 2-0 defeat by Nacional (Medellin), thus failing to equal the record of 22 games unbeaten set up by America de Cali in 1922.

Atletico's 21 games are, however, the record for professional soccer . . . With the second championship of the season currently in progress (see tables page 46) there are frequent protests against clubs lining up more than the permitted number of three foreign players. In one recent case America (Cali) were insisting that two Paraguayans in the side were naturalised Colombians and the argument continues over dates. Thus may clubs line up more than three "foreigners" who are keeping the home grown players out. Recently a list of 40 naturalised players was published and this includes 28 Argentines, five Paraguayans, four Brazilians and three Uruguayans.

MARADONA'S GOALS

	Matches	Goals
1976 National Champ	11	2
1977 First Division	37	13
1977 National Champ	12	6
1978 First Division	31	22
1978 National Champ	4	4
1979 First Division	14	14
1979 National Champ	12	12
1980 First Division	32	25
1980 National Champ (so far)	1	3
	154	101

Penalties 23 — scored 18, missed two, saved three (by Baley for Independiente, Garin for Independiente-Rivadavia (Mendoza) and Fillol for River Plate).

Promising new international midfielder Ischia (left) and San Lorenzo defender Pernia who did a lot to keep their respective big clubs out of the relegation zone in the Argentine first division.

Ribolzzi (arms raised) scores for Boca Juniors in their 2-0 win over Union in the Argentine national championship.

IN PARAGUAY, Libertadores (1979) and Europe-South America Cup winners Olimpia finished only sixth in the first 10-team first division tournament of the season and they are under their fifth Uruguayan coach in less than a year.

The five are Luis Cubilla, his brother Pedro Cubilla, Ricardo De Leon, Jorge Zanacchi and currently Jose Sasia. The first, who took them to their big cup wins, left to join Newell's Old Boys in Argentina, but the next three were dismissed as a result of the team's poor performances. But perhaps more to blame is the gradual break-up of their team.

Latest to leave is midfielder Talavera — on loan to Newell's Old Boys — architect by profession off the field and architect of many of their victories on the field who was on the point of retiring anyway.

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IN PERU, champions Sporting Cristal still lead this season's tournament by three points, but they lost their unbeaten record in the 21st game when they were beaten at home by lowly Sport Boys (2-1) to fall far short of the Peruvian record of 31 unbeaten games held by Universitario since 1972.

Boca Juniors' Tesare shoots at goal in a match against Platense.

In their 20th game Sporting Cristal had already shown signs of a break when they allowed 10-men Atletico Chalaco to fight back for a draw from 2-0 down and almost snatch victory.

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IN URUGUAY, Libertadores Cup holders Nacional, although floundering in the last stage and picking up only two points in four matches, were on the point of winning the first division championship at press time with a six-point lead and only three matches to play.

Maradona (white shirt) passing in between two San Lorenzo (Mar del Plata) defenders the day he scored a hat-trick in Argentinos Juniors 6-0 victory to reach a personal total of 101 league goals. (Argentine national championship.)

NAPOLI—THE TEA A MAJOR TROPH

NAPLES is not a city to leave the visitors indifferent. You loathe it or love it.

Character is has — either to be admired or avoided. It's the city of contrast. You can walk a few hundred yards from the stylish world of the opera and become tangled in a maze of shabby street markets overflowing in front of the tenements which carry faded — unheeded — notices proclaiming: Not fit for human habitation.

There is no comfortable inbetween. From a distance the sky-blue Bay responds to its fame; but go closer and you marvel at how the kids can bathe unafected in water so grimy.

The contradictions of Naples are redolent again in its attitude to football. The extremes are all that matter: the fans are either lifting the San Paolo stadium into orbit with their fanaticism, or — in disillusion — avoiding it like the plague you fear the water must carry.

Napoli are the only big-city club never to have won the Italian league — and they've won the cup only twice. In Europe, despite appearing on a total of 11 times, they've only twice progressed into or beyond the last eight — in 1963 they lost in a play-off to OFK Belgrade in the Cup-winners' Cup, and in the semi-finals before going down 1-0, 0-2 to holders Anderlecht.

But then, Naples isn't quite European. It has the air of an Argentine city, Buenos Aires — or perhaps the Neapolitan would say it's the other way round, that Buenos Aires has something of Naples.

Certainly the football club has always been something of a home from home for South American footballers rather than Europeans. And I suppose it was appropriate that it was from the sea that football found its way to the shadow of Vesuvius.

English sailors, of course.

They set up the Naples Football Club in 1904, choosing shirts of sky blue to reflect the tranquil colours of the Bay. But once football has arrived, peace departed. The foreigners and locals disagreed about their club.

Just as in Milan a few years before, so it was in Naples: 1912 saw the Internazionale Napoli club founded to exist in bitter rivalry with the Naples FC.

In Milan the feud has continued to this day. But in Naples it was a different tale. In 1922 a merger led to the formation of Internaples and four years later, on August 1, 1926, the present club was created.

Then the title was Associazione Calcio Napoli. Now it's the Societa Sportiva Calcio Napoli. But then, as now, despite all the enthusiasm and potential, success was hard to find.

In 1926-27 Napoli lost game after game in the regional league. In desperation Austrian manager Anton Kreuzer told his players: "If you so much as get one point I'll walk all the way home to Vienna!"

They did — and so did he!

The English influence had yet to be expunged. To succeed in the newly-formed first division called for giant steps. And so Napoli hired the legendary William Garbutt, one of the great football pioneers under the direction of Vittorio Pozzo, to run their team.

He brought the first golden era. The league was dominated in the early 1930s by the duel between Juventus and Inter-Milan. But Napoli gave spirited chase. Fifth in 1930, they moved up to third in 1933 and 1934 — thanks not only to Garbutt's guidance, but also the goals of the first superstar of Neopolitan football, Attila Sallustro.

Beyond his own city his reputation suffered. He played only twice for Italy. But for Napoli he scored 103 goals, a club record to this day. And though he retired at 28, his marriage to a famous society beauty only accentuated the legend.

But legends are of no practical use. Sallustro and Garbutt went at much the same time and proved irreplaceable. In 1940 only goal average saved Napoli from the relegation which was the inevitable fate two years later.

That it took them four years to gain promotion was not the players' fault. The war had intervened so it wasn't until 1946 that Napoli bounced back under the guidance of Raffaele Sansone — the man who imported the first coloured player to Italy, the long-forgotten Roberto La Paz.

His ineffectiveness was soon evidenced by another spell in the second division before the club was taken over by a football-mad local political boss, Achille Lauro.

Napoli are still recovering.

Football-mad, but autocratic and domineering, Lauro was no figurehead president. He ran the club, picked out many of the big signings and — most important — provided an almost bottomless purse. Napoli's continued failures could never be blamed on lack of finance.

If anything there was too much money, and the 1950s saw a flood of big-name foreigners.

Sweden's 1950 World Cup centre-forward, Hasse Jepsson, was one. Jepsson, a fine all-round sportsman who could have been the Bjorn Borg of his day, joined Napoli from Atalanta in 1952. But before that he had caused a huge stir in England, playing 11 end-of-season games as an amateur to score the 12 goals which saved Charlton — briefly — from relegation to the Second Division.

By the time a back injury had caught up with him, in 1955, it was time for Vinicio — or, to be formal, Luis Vinicius de Menezes — to arrive from Botafogo of Rio, to lead the line.

Vinicio was a fine centre-forward — brave, thoughtful and happy to score with head or either foot. But it wasn't until age had provided experience that he made a real impression on *Calcio*, and by then Napoli had sold him . . . and been relegated.

These were the early 1960s, crazy years. Napoli went down in both 1961 and 1963, came back first time on each occasion and even won the cup — for the first time — inbetween!

An it took a coach who understood all about the pressures of the San Paolo to guide them to it. He was Bruno Pesaola, and Argentine who had played outside left for Napoli alongside Jepsson.

Pesaola, who had several spells in charge, was without doubt the most successful of all the coaches who came and went with anxious frequency. Under his leadership Napoli achieved promotion twice, won the Cup, the Cup of the Alps, and the Anglo-Italian Cup.

They also achieved their best-ever placing in the league — second, in 1968.

Lauro had given Pesaola a remarkable forward line. At outside right was the black Brazilian, Cane, whom Lauro had virtually picked with a pin from a long list of available Brazilians; at inside right, in midfield, was the thoughtful and practical Italian international, Antonio Juliano; at centre-forward the Brazilian Jose Altafini, cast out after a row with Milan; at inside-left the Italo-Argentine Enrico Omar Sivori, cut adrift in similar circumstances by Juventus; at at outside-left the veteran Italian, Gastone Bean.

Ironically Altafini, whose goals had won Milan the 1963 Champions' Cup, would later prove their worst enemy.

In 1975, at the end of the season, with Napoli and Juventus neck and neck, the teams met in Turin. The winners would be virtually assured of the championship. With three minutes left the score was all square at 1-1, with Napoli pressing hard.

Juliano shot, thought he'd scored, and held his head in his hands as Dino Zoff — whom Juventus had singed from Napoli — made a brilliant save. And in those seconds, as Napoli momentarily lost concentration so Altafini — given away to Napoli and now playing in the zebra stripes of Juventus — snatched the winner.

THE PLAYERS

LUCIANO CASTELLINI. Goalkeeper. Aged 34 — one game for Italy, as half-time substitute for Zoff in a 2-1 friendly against Belgium. Four times a B international since 1971. Born in Milan but spent the first eight years of his senior career with Torino from 1970 before joining Napoli. Generally a stabilising influence — though while with Torino he was once sent off in a European tie and heftily banned by UEFA. Turned down the Napoli captaincy during the summer because he thought a goalkeeper too far from the heart of play.

RAFFAELE DI FUSCO. Goalkeeper. Aged 19. A newcomer to a first division squad this season.

PASQUALE FIORE. Goalkeeper. Aged 26. Born in Naples and joined Napoli in 1973. Has spent seasons on loan to Paganese, Avellino and Como and has played only seven games in *Serie A* since making his debut in a 2-2 draw with Bologna nearly five years ago.

MICHELE BORRIELLO. Aged 19. Defender. Newcomer to the squad.

GIUSEPPE BRUSCOLOTTI. Aged 29 —

M WITHOUT Y SUCCESS

SOCIETA SPORTIVA CALCIO NAPOLI
Founded: 1904.
Italian League: —
Italian Cup: 1962 and 1976.
Cup of the Alps: 1966.
Anglo-Italian Cup: 1977.
President: Corrado Ferlaino.
General manager: Antonio Juliano.
Trainer: Rino Marchesi.
Ground: Stadio San Paolo — capacity 85,000, opened 1959.
Colours: Sky blue and white.

By this time Vinicio had become the coach. But in the paradoxical way of Napoli, he quit in 1976 immediately after the club's second cup win when, with Beppe Savoldi at £1.2 million the world's record signing, in the line-up, the eternal promises were being made again.

The fans are still waiting for them to be fulfilled. And waiting extremely disillusioned after the slump to 11th last season.

Nothing went right.

President Corrado Ferlaino was subjected to personal, business and political attacks: Vinicio tried twice to resign and even then nearly failed the second time; a string of foreign players — Hrubesch, Brady, Kist, Ardiles, Allofs, Zico, Toninho, Cerezo, Renquin, Obermayer and Socrates — all said a polite "No thank-you" to approaches to become Napoli's first 'new-era' foreigner.

To look at Napoli now, you can't imagine that the jinx will continue to hant a club who try so hard — perhaps too hard.

Juliano — now the director-general running affairs from an office rather than midfield — is an intelligent man who knows the game inside out; the new coach, Rino Marchesi, from Avellino, is a realist; in Cane, the Brazilian Angelo Sormani and one-time Inter star Mario Corso he has three more-than-able lieutenants; and in Rudi Krol — albeit signed for only six months inbetween Vancouver's NASL commitments — he has a player of organisational expertise to inspire the young men lately developed.

But football in Naples is not that simple. A mixture that could work anywhere else will not automatically produce the goods for the success-starved fans of the San Paolo.

The simple but capacious concrete bowl has been in use a mere 20 years; but already it has collected a record number of match bans after riots on the terraces.

Club Focus
by Keir Radnedge

THE COACH

RINO MARCHESI'S success as a tactician, theoretician and motivator has come as a surprise to fans who remember him as a player.

There was nothing special about Marchesi. I remember him from his days with Fiorentina: consistent, persistent and always with a shade of a stoop as he ran or paused in the effort to ensure the accuracy of a pass.

Born in Milan on June 11, 1937, it was ***against*** *Milan – and in San Siro too! – that he made his league debut in 1957, for Atlanta of Bergamo. They lost 5-0, were relegated only to return in 1959 and nine months later Marchesi was sold to Fiorentina.*

He lasted five years in Florence then spent another five with Lazio, vacillating between the first and second divisions, before fading into obscurity with Prato in ***Serie C.*** *He took with him no mementos of glory – merely a loser's medal from the 1962 Cup-winners' Cup, when Fiorentina lost a replayed final.*

Having turned to coaching, his career hardly promised any spectacular achievements. He began in division four with Montevarchi, then Mantova. But, after proving a bright pupil at a special course at Coverciano, he was pulled into ***Serie B*** *by Ternana.*

They were striving to regain their place in the top flight, and though Marchesi didn't quite manage that, he did guide them to fifth spot in ***Serie B.***

That was good enough for Avellino, a home town club not 50 miles from Naples who had just forced their way into ***Serie A*** *for the first time. Coach Paolo Carosi has been spirited away in the wake of promotion, to Fiorentina. Marchesi was their gamble as replacement.*

First season they struggled, finishing 11th out of 16. But last season they demonstrated spirit – and success rate – which made ***Calcio*** *look up. Napoli couldn't stand this little team down the road stealing their southern thunder, so to get a share of the action they pinched Marchesi!*

His appointment at the season's end was mere confirmation of an open secret. Marchesi had been lined up immediately Vinicio first threatened to step down, and had quietly taken a good long look at the Napoli players in advance.

Then he laid down his demands for 1980-81.

"The players must put much more effort in than last season – though, in all honesty, that wasn't a lot. I'm not going to prejudge them individually. They all start from square one. But I know where I want them to finish – in the final of the UEFA Cup.

It's down to the players. They have the ability and the skill. That's not in question. It's their will and their concentration I worry about!

Marchesi, a student of classical music, can hardly yet be said to have created a symphony of football. But he knows his themes: one is the tactical approach, the other is the team image.

"I'd call our style just 4-4-2. Let other people talk about whether we're playing zone defence, or the offside trap, or the Dutch School. As far as I'm concerned we play with a solid defence, with a sweeper who has the freedom to go forward when the occasion is right.

"We have to concentrate on the speed at which we carry out our counter-attacks. And we have to be able sometimes to take the whole game to the opposition, nail them down in their half.

"People say to me: You want Napoli to play just like Avellino. But it's impossible for one team to copy another's style. Players are different and you must adapt to suit your men – not the other way round."

If Marchesi's plans work, there are few cities in Italy capable of rising up and carrying the team forward on a tidal wave of excitement. But in recent years the fans have been promised so much and provided with so little that their mistrust – manifest in comparatively poor attendances – is understandable.

Thus it's important for Marchesi and his men that they win over the fans. And that's not just a matter of results, it's a matter of style. The sort of style, one has to say, Marchesi himself never hinted at during his playing days.

right-back. Has been an unchallenged first-team man since signing from Sorrento in 1972. Scored five goals in 22 league games up to the start of the season. Quit as captain at the end of last season.

ARMANDO CASCIONE. Aged 19. Another newcomer.

SAURO CATELLANI. Aged 27 — stopper. Played only 16 games in three years at Internazionale and joined Napoli in 1976 after one season with Verona.

MORENO FERRARIO. Aged 21 — stopper. Born in Milan and joined Napoli in 1977 from Varese.

RAIMONDO MARINO. Aged 19 — sweeper. Scored one goal in just seven games last season but is rated as one of Italy's most promising young defenders. Made his league debut in last season's 1-0 away defeat by eventual champions Internazionale.

CONSTANZO CELESTINI. Aged 19 — midfield. Born on the island of Italy, and joined Napoli in 1978. Made his debut last April in the 0-0 away draw with Torino.

MARIO GUIDETTI. Aged 29 — midfield. Began in the third division, playing five years there for Verbania, Piacenza and Solbiatese. Como signed him in 1974 but after losing his place he went to Lanerossi Vicenza in October 1977. Joined Napoli at the start of last season.

RUDI KROLL. Aged 31 — sweeper. One of the world's greatest defenders and on loan to Napoli for six months from Vancouver Whitecaps, the 1979 NASL champions. Krol was a sweeper when he signed for Ajax in the late 1960s as a teenager and it was Rinus Michels who converted him to left back, where he first made his name. Played in the 1972 and 1973 Champions' Cup wins, missing 1971 only because of a leg break a few weeks before the final. Appeared in all the World and European championship games of the 1970s, the only Dutch star to do so. Left Ajax eventually after last year's league triumph, and after the European Championship finals in Italy he began playing for Vancouver. Several Italian clubs had been on his trail and after protracted discussions it was agreed Krol should join Napoli until April. He made his debut for the club in a 2-2 friendly draw with West Bromwich. Has played a record 74 times for Holland.

NORTH AMERICA by Colin Jose

Cosmos ban in Canada?

THE New York Cosmos may be champions of the North American Soccer League, but they are not winning many friends in Canada these days. With Canada's opening World Cup game against Mexico just over three weeks away as I write, the American club are still refusing to release Canadian national team captain Bruce Wilson to join the Canadian team, a move that could lead to a ban on the Cosmos playing in Canada.

It appears that the star-studded Cosmos need Wilson for an exhibition tour of Europe, perhaps the first time in the history of the World Cup that the world's most important sporting competition has had to play second fiddle to a meaningless exhibition tour.

What is even more ridiculous about the whole thing is that Wilson incurred the wrath of Cosmos coach Hennes Weisweiler part way through the NASL season for a curfew violation and has rarely been given the chance to play since. However, apparently it is not Weisweiler who has made the decision but the Cosmos brass.

Basis

When Canadian national team manager John McMahon approached the Cosmos for the release of Wilson he was told it could only be on a game-to-game basis; in other words that he could fly from Europe to Canada, play the game and then rejoin the Cosmos in Europe, flying back to Canada again for the next game.

This, of course, was quickly rejected by McMahon and Canadian coach Barrie Clarke, as the Cosmos knew it would be, for Wilson has not played in any of Canada's recent warm-up games against New Zealand and the Irish League and in fact has never played under Clarke before.

The Canadian Soccer Association who threatened to suspend the Vancouver Whitecaps last year in the middle of the NASL playoffs for refusing to release a player for the national team, is not expected to take the matter lying down and if the release of Wilson is not forthcoming well before the Mexican game then look for a ban on the Cosmos playing in Canada next season and possibly on Canadian NASL teams playing against the Cosmos.

If Canada cannot obtain the release of Wilson, who is one of the finest full-backs in the NASL, then they will have lost not only one of their top players but also a team leader and it could seriously affect Canada's chances of getting to the second round.

Goals

Canada opened its preparations for the World Cup games against Mexico and the United States with a game against New Zealand in Vancouver with the Canadians winning 4-0 on goals from Mike Stojanovic, Bobby Lenarduzzi and Dale Mitchell with two. Two days later the teams met again in Edmonton and once again Canada came out on top to the tune of 3-0 with goals from Bobby Lenarduzzi and Bruce Miller with two.

The Canadians then had to travel 2,400 miles to play their next home game against the Irish League in St John's, Newfoundland while the Irish had to travel a shorter distance just over the Atlantic. This game was played in torrential rain on a pitch that was all but flooded and the Irishmen proved to be far better 'mudders', winning 3-1 with Canada's only goal coming direct from a corner taken by Gerry Gray.

Much ill feeling surfaced following this game as Irish League coach Roy Coyle accused the Canadians' of being 'prima donnas'. "I was disappointed with the Canadians lack of will and lack of desire," he said following the game. "I saw some bad habits. I can tell you I'd never have some of them back at my club. They must not only have skill, they must have the will to compete."

Three days later the teams met again in Toronto with Canada coming out on top by a score of 2-1 with both goals being scored by Mike Stojanovic off near-post corners taken by Gerry Gray.

The Canadians now go on to play against Peruvian champions Sporting Cristal three times before they face Mexico at Exhibition Stadium in Toronto on October 18.

Franz Beckenbauer

Book Reviews

IN 1974, after the World Cup Finals in West Germany, I travelled on for a holiday in Italy made memorable by a thief who broke into my car and stole . . . Brian Glanville's Sunday Times History of the World Cup.

The esteem in which I held the book was shown by the fact that on my return to England I stopped at the first book shop to purchase a replacement copy.

Had I but waited until now I could not only have obtained that basic volume, but an updated version which continues the story of football's greatest tournament, including full reports on West Germany '74 and Argentina '78.

Brian Glanville has probably written more words about the World Cup than any other author. But that in no way reduces the interest or drama of the events which have shaped this competition over the past 50 years.

And it's all in The History of the World Cup, by Brian Glanville, and published this time by Faber at £8.50.

Well, almost all. The only reservation I have about the book and its jacket blurb as "the only comprehensive history in existence," of the World Cup, is the restricted statistical section. As with the original book, the only details are bare results from the finals tournaments with group tables and then line-ups from the quarter-finals onwards.

Maybe next time it might be possible to complement the text with a truly comprehensive statistical section, listing all the qualifying results and perhaps providing more details about all the matches in the finals.

THE flood of autumn/Christmas market football annuals began with the Sun Soccer Annual 1981.

Anonymously written for reasons of Fleet Street propriety, it's produced by Ring Publications at £1.95 and there's not a page three bird in sight in what is – considering the Sun's image – a readable and fun volume for young fans.

KEIR RADNEDGE

by Derick Allsop

When is a championship not enough?

Real Madrid know that the real test is success on the wider European fronts

QUESTION: When is winning the League Championship not enough? Answer: When the club is Real Madrid, and the country Spain.

Domestic titles shower the history of Real Madrid like confetti. Even the emergence of the exciting Real Sociedad couldn't keep the championship from the capital.

Not that Madrid would ever belittle the Spanish crown. They are fiercely proud of their status and jealously protect it.

Spain is a land, anyway, where club football has long meant more to players and public than the well-being of the national team.

But it is, of course, competition at European level that has made Real Madrid the institution it is, the most famous club and revered name in the world.

They won the European Cup the first five years of its existence, reaching a majestic climax in 1960 with that 7-3 triumph against Eintracht Frankfurt at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Since then they have lifted club football's premier trophy just once, in 1966, the year Manchester United should really have reached the pinnacle.

For Real the past 14 years simply haven't been good enough. The traditions and expectations of the club demand nothing less than that massive cup.

Last season they had their best chance for years. They were 90 minutes away from a final in their own stadium yet collapsed in the second leg of their semi-final in Hamburg.

So the search is resumed – but quite frankly I suspect it will have to continue for some time yet before they find that elusive piece of silverware.

Madrid opened with a tie against the Republic of Ireland part-timers Limerick United. On the face of it a gentle exercise, a useful opportunity to flex the muscles for the genuine contests ahead.

Instead they fumbled like novices, and if the home leg gave them a comfortable aggregate victory the first leg left them with some embarrassingly deep scars.

Limerick switched their match from the bumpy Markets Field to Lansdowne Road, Dublin. The excellent surface their should have given the Spanish champions a stage to display vastly superior skills. Nothing of the sort.

It was the Irish who played with control, imagination and a good deal more vitality. They had the evening's outstanding player in John Walsh, a midfield man who made little impact on trial at Blackpool.

Madrid, it's true to say, were under strength. But shouldn't Castilla be a force far too great for such opposition?

The Spanish defence was appalling. They were disorganised from the start, and by half-time had been reduced to a rabble you'd expect to find in a schoolyard.

Tackles were hurried and often mistimed, clearances desperate and frequently mis-hit. Even with reinforcements from midfield they found the Irish a terrible handful.

When the midfield men were asked to do their own jobs they failed to give the side the composure or authority they must have expected.

Up front they were so pitifully ineffective their Irish markers became almost arrogant. Laurie Cunningham, switching wings throughout the match, was probably the pick of the team, but he regularly wasted the ball.

Perhaps Santillana would have made a difference, but this was certainly no case of a side suffering because of one weak link. It was a side riddled with problems.

The man sent to Limerick to spy on these mysterious Irishmen was club guardian and once reluctant Real coach Luis Molowny. He saw them against Sligo Rovers, but admitted: "It was difficult to assess them because the pitch was so bumpy.

"It was obvious, though, that they were very enthusiastic and would be lifted by the occasion. They deserved our respect, just as any other club does."

None of that, however, explains Madrid's struggle. There wasn't even a big hostile crowd to contend with.

Centre-forward Des Kennedy gave Limerick a deserved lead but a dubious penalty award by Danish referee Ole Amudsen brought Madrid back into the match. Juanito duly equalised and near the end, with the Irish tiring, substitute Pineda scrambled the winner.

How, then, does Molowny rate this team? "I think it is a good side but there have been changes and it is still early in the season.

"Four players have moved up from Castilla, which shows the value of our system. They are players who should do well in the future."

But are there players of sufficient quality? "Cunningham is an excellent player, with outstanding technique. We have Santillana, Juanito and Stielke."

Don't you miss Pirri, and wouldn't you be better with Stielike as sweeper rather than in midfield? "Pirri was an institution in Madrid, a great player and influence. Someone like him would always be missed.

"But we prefer Stielike in midfield. I know he played well at sweeper for West Germany in the European Championship but we feel he is of greater value to us in the middle."

So what are Madrid's chances of success this season? "We are hopeful and obviously want to win the championship again. I think Valencia, with their very dangerous strike force, will score a lot of goals and be a big threat."

That is at home. What about the big one, the European Cup? "Yes, of course we would very much like to win it again. This competition is so much a part of our history.

"We did well to reach the semi-finals last season so we feel we can go a long way again this time. It will be very difficult, of course. Clubs like Bayern and Liverpool are very strong. But as always we go out to win."

Madrid are now involved in a second round tie with Honved, and even if they get through that I can't really see them troubling the modern giants of the competition.

WEST GERMANY by Arthur Rotmil

Real Madrid refuse to release Stielike

THE National side extended their record breaking run to 20 games without defeat when they beat Switzerland in a friendly in Basel by 3-2. Hansi Müller (2) and Felix Magath scored the goals.

The team who won the European Championship should have been on duty at full strength, but alas, Uli Stielike was not released by Real Madrid. Although the German 'libero' has a definite clause written into his new contract which stipulates that he must be freed for all internationals, the Spanish club claims that this only applies to competitive matches.

Stielike is now angry with Real and threatens to make the Spanish champions regret their actions, Germany's national team manager Jupp Derwall is also furious: "I cannot conduct any preparations and play friendly games without Stielike and then suddenly put him in the team for vital World Cup qualifying matches."

Derwall was pleased with the win over Switzerland, although he must have been concerned at the lack of concentration in the closing stages and the conceding of two late goals. It was not the first time that this German team has eased off, apparently thinking that the game was already won. They did it against the Dutch in the European Championship as a 3-0 lead was turned into a 3-2 score with trembling in the last ten minutes. Against the Swiss the Germans conceded two goals in the last six minutes. Next assignment were the friendlies v. Holland at all levels, A and B plus 'Under-21s in mid-October, two away from home.

The latest problem boy of West German football is the brilliant midfielder Bernd Schuster, who was a revelation during the European Championship finals. The blond 20-year-old has fallen out with his club 1.FC Köln (Cologne) and said, he "will never play for them again."

However, he was under contract in Cologne till 1982. The club has nonetheless let him go, but have put a transfer fee of DM5 million (£1.25 million) on his head, which they know a German club would never pay. The record fee in West German football stands at £600,000 which Cologne themselves paid for the England forward Tony Woodcock last year. After some tough bargaining, Cologne eventually accepted a fee of £900,000 from New York Cosmos, now managed by Cologne's former team chief Hennes Weisweiler. Schuster will earn a cool £150,000 p.a. in America.

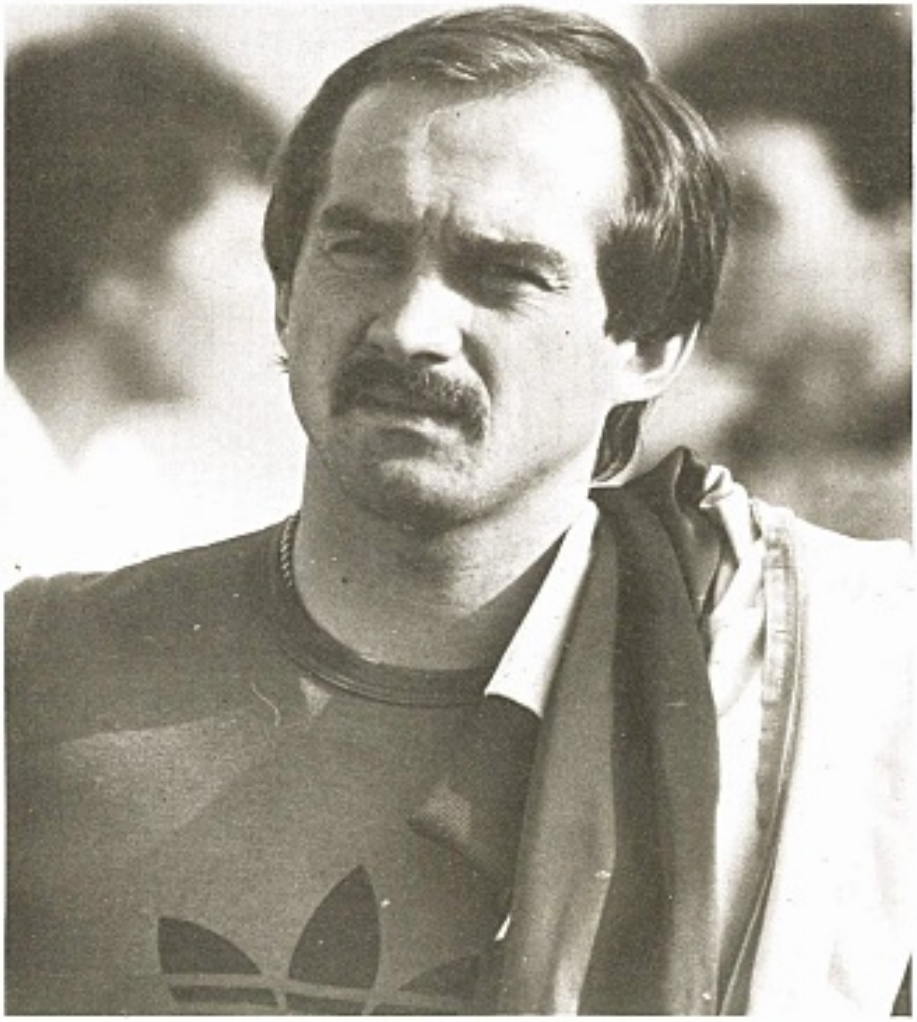
Another exotic newcomer could soon grace the *Bundesliga*. Hamburger SV are negotiating the transfer of the Chinese Gu Na-min (27), who plays on the right wing for the national side. According to Hamburg's general manager Günter Netzer, the Chinese Football Federation has given this unusual move their blessing.

In Munich the talk is of Nastase — no, not the world famous tennis star, but of his Rumanian compatriot the footballer Viorel Nastase. He defected last year when his club Steaua Bucharest visited West Germany. Nastase joined 1860 Munich and is now eligible having served the automatic one-year suspension. He scored five goals in the 8-0 cup win against Pirmasens and has become a great favourite with the fans.

The *First Bundesliga* boasts 57 full internationals who together total 778 caps. In addition, ther are 28 foreign internationals who played for 14 different national teams and a total of nearly 700 times. The only club without a single international is promoted Karlsruher SC. The record holders are Cologne, whose manager Karl-Heinz Heddergott can field an all-international line-up. Apart from eight West German internationals there is one Japanese, a Swiss and an English capped player.

Here is the list of full internationals in the *First Bundesliga*, with number of caps in brackets: **Bayern Munich:** Rummenigge (36); Breitner (28); D. Hoeness (2); Del'Haye (2) plus the now retired Schwarzenbeck (44). Foreigners: Aas (15, Norway) and Rautiainen (12, Finland). — **Hamburger SV:** Kaltz (41); Hrubesch (6); Magath (6); Memering (3); Hartwig (2); Groh (1), plus, as from November 1, Beckenbauer (103). Foreigners: Buljan (31, Yugoslavia).

VfB Stuttgart: Müller (22); K. H. Förster (18); B. Förster (9); Kelsch (4); Martin (1). Foreigners: Holcer (52, Yugoslavia), Hattenberger (32, Austria). — **Kaiserslautern:** Briegel (9); Bongartz (4); Geye (4); Pirrung (2). Foreigners: Hellstroem (79, Sweden); Wendt (21, Sweden) and Eigendorf (6, East Germany).



Ulrich Stielike of West Germany.

Cologne: Bonhof (51); Cullmann (40); Zimmermann (14); D. Müller (12); Schumacher (8); Konopka (2). Foreigners: Okudera (42, Japan); Botteron (43, Switzerland) and Woodcock (13, England). — **Borussia Mönchengladbach:** Kleff (6); Nickel (3); Matthäus (1). Foreigners: Nielsen (5, Denmark); Thychosen (3, Denmark) and Langers (2, Luxembourg).

Schalke: Fischer (27); Rüssmann (20); H. Kremers (8); Nigbur (6); Danner (6). Foreigners: Jara (48, Austria); Dzoni (13, Yugoslavia). — **VfL Bochum:** Tenhagen (3). Foreigners: Cross (1, Switzerland).

MSV Duisburg: Dietz (46); Seliger (2). Foreigners: Mirnegg (6, Austria). — **Bayer Uerdingen:** Held (41). Foreigners: Mattson (13, Sweden); Pykkö (12, Finland).

Eintracht Frankfurt: Hölzenbein (40); Körbel (6); Neuberger (2); Borchers (2); Nickel (1). Foreigners: Bum-Kun Tscha (141, South Korea); Pezzey (43, Austria). — **Borussia Dortmund:** Abramczik (19); Burgsmüller (3); Votava (2). Foreigners: A. Edvaldsson (23, Iceland).

Fortuna Düsseldorf: K. Allofs (15); Seel (6); Zewe (4). — **1860 Munich:** Kapellmann (5). Foreigners: Senzen (10, Yugoslavia); Nastase (11, Rumania).

Bayer Leverkusen: Herzog (5). — **1.FC Nürnberg:** Volkert (12). Foreigners: Hintermeier (7, Austria); Oberacher (6, Austria).

Arminia Bielefeld: Kliemann (1). Foreigner: Steffensen (2, Denmark).

Much publicity was given to Hennes Weisweiler's statement that "the *Bundesliga* is the best League in the world." The famous coach formerly with Borussia Mönchengladbach, later in charge of Cologne and now with New York Cosmos, explains that the Bundesliga combines the three virtues — commitment, discipline and playing intelligence.

"Other Leagues only have at most two of those qualities," says the German soccer expert who is a holder of a teaching diploma and was a lecturer in the world's most famous high school for football coaches in Cologne.

It is difficult to argue with Weisweiler's assessment, when taking into account the recent successes of the national side and of West German club football at international level. Certainly the German players are reaping great benefits from their superbly schooled and educated coaches. This system which has no parallel in world football is obviously chiefly responsible for the current supremacy of the German game.

Most experts are agreed that the optically best football is played in the *Bundesliga* and not just by a handful of teams. They may not all be successful, but they certainly give good value for money with the highest scoring rate in Europe appreciated by steadily increasing crowds. Commitment and discipline have always been the features of their football, but now superior technique and that playing intelligence, to which Weisweiler refers, make them even more formidable opponents.

What worries the Football Federation (DFB) at present is the new wave of disciplinary cases. In the first four weeks of the season, 24 players have been sent off in championship, cup and friendly matches in all three *Bundesliga* divisions.

But the disciplinary commission has shown an unusual departure from established practice. Kaiserslautern's midfielder Werner Melzer, who was sent off for telling the referee he was "blind", was fined £750, but not suspended.

Bayern Munich who thanks to a 2-1 win over their nearest challengers Hamburger SV led the table by two points (as I write), were delighted when their captain Paul Breitner (29) decided to stay on. Breitner resisted the lure of American football and will end his career in Munich when his new contract expires in 1983. The world class midfielder would still, today be an automatic choice for the national team, if he hadn't fallen out with the DFB officials.

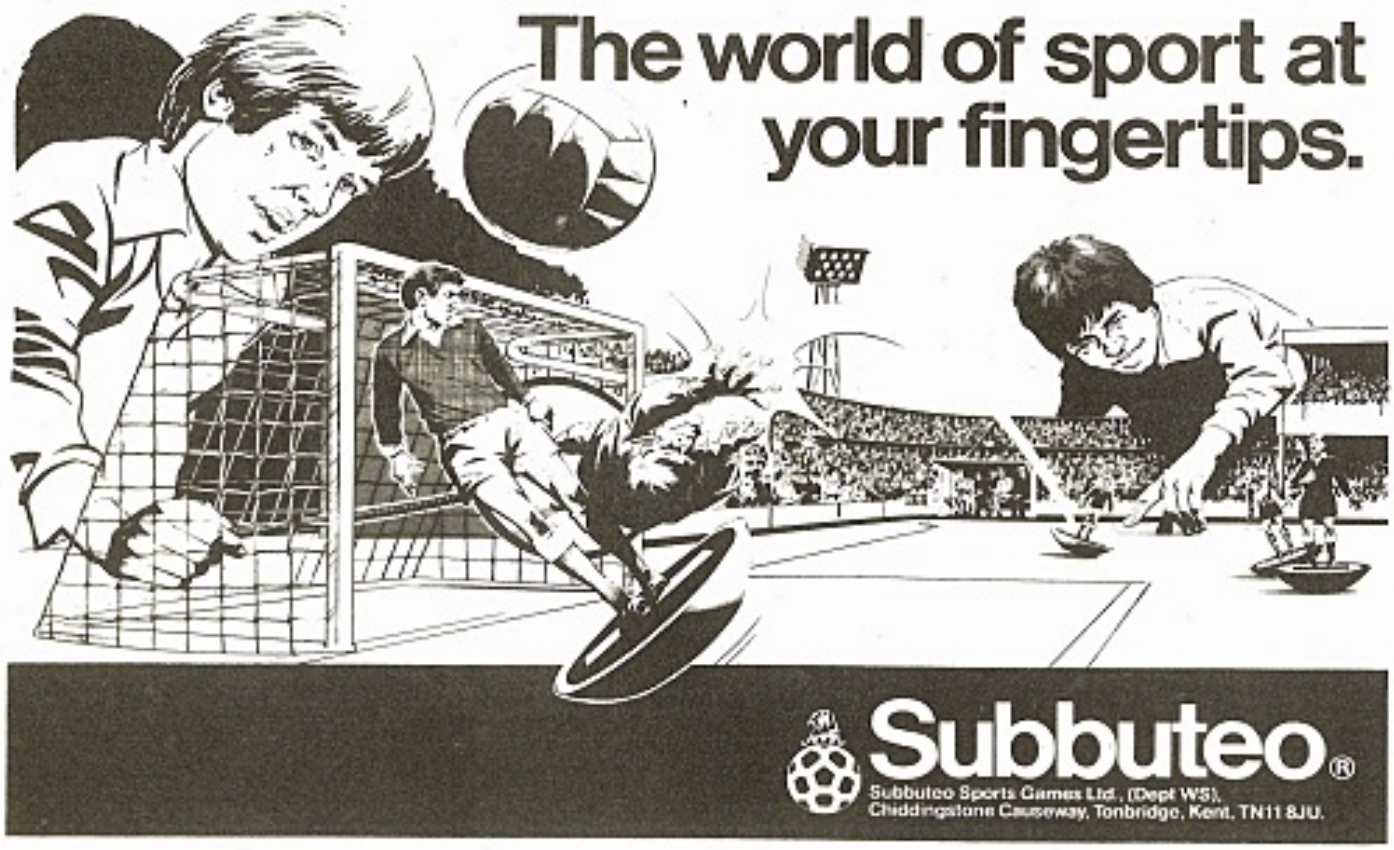
But Bayern are discarding their Norwegian international 'libero' Jan Einar Aas who didn't make the grade. Aas spent most of his time in the reserves and Bayern were surprised and relieved to hear that Arsenal were willing to pay £200,000 for one of their "spares". No other German club was interested.

But a so-called "exclusive" report in the 'Daily Mail' which claimed that "Bayern were selling Aas because they exceeded their quota of foreign players and because they were raising money to buy Bernd Schuster" — was wholly inaccurate.

Bayern, who are allowed to keep two foreigners, have only one other import in Pasi Rautianinen (19) from Finland, who is just a reserve. Furthermore, on the same day that Aas was allowed to start training with Arsenal, Schuster signed a contract with New York Cosmos!

And the assertion in the 'Times' that "Aas was kept out of Bayern's first team by two German internationals", was also ignorant. Bayern in fact have no full internationals in the back four.

The *Bundesliga* once again demonstrated its remarkable strength-in-depth, when all seven clubs qualified for the Second Round in the three European cup tournaments! Bayern Munich (Champions Cup), Fortuna Düsseldorf (Cup Winners' Cup), VfB Stuttgart, Cologne, Hamburger SV, Eintracht Frankfurt and Kaiserslautern (all in the UEFA-Cup).



BELGIUM by Philip Smith

The axe falls at Brugge

THE dividing line between success and failure in football is usually a narrow one. It doesn't take long for a winner to become a loser, one summer and 24 days precisely in the case of Johan Grijzenhout, who has the dubious distinction of being the first axed trainer of the current season.

Memories obviously don't count for much at Club Brugge. Praised by all last May when the title was won, Grijzenhout first came under the hammer after the third league match of the season, when in front of their own fans Club were humiliated 1-7 by a Standard Liege side in which the mercurial Tahamata was rampant. Changes were made for the next match at Beveren, but defeat and three more goals conceded left the trainer with no other option other than to drop the Hungarian Balint and restore Meeuws to his more favoured role of sweeper.

Or so everyone thought. For the home European Cup ties against the unrated Basel, Balint was retained and Meeuws was on the bench after a mild disagreement over tactics. The resultant 0-1 defeat signalled the end for the Dutchman, two days later he was gone and replaced by his assistant Raymond Mertens, who has until the end of the season to prove himself.

Those are briefly the facts. Comments after the event give some indication of the rift that had developed. Representing most of the players, Meeuws said that moral had reached rock bottom when it was found out that Balint would be playing against Basel and on hearing the proposed tactics for that game the players had to pinch themselves to make sure they weren't dreaming. Grijzenhout admitted that he had held faith in the title winning side for too long but said that he had never gained the impression that the players had lost confidence in him.

The European Cup meant a great deal to Club Brugge this season. Two league defeats can easily be made up, but to lose the home leg to a Swiss side of no reputation was a

Erwin Vandenbergh in action for Belgium.

disaster, and as Grijzenhout had put his head on the block by persisting with Balint, there could only be one place for the axe to fall. The directors hoped that by acting quickly, the European Cup campaign could be saved. it must therefore have been doubly sickening to have picked up a 1-4 scoreline in the second leg, especially as both league games had been won in the intervening period.

But the story doesn't end there. Following closely on the heels of Girjzenhout as the second trainer to go was Leon Nollet, who last season guided AA Gent back into the First Division after a ten year absence. Two points from the opening six matches were the reason for his exit and replacement by one of the more recent additions to the unemployment register, Han Grijzenhout.

Circle

It was fate that Gent's first fixture under the Dutchman's command was a home match against the team that started his downfall at Club Brugge, unbeaten leaders Standard. And the circle was duly completed when the men from Liege suffered their first defeat of the season, young Scottish striker Jim Gillespie scoring the winner as well as having another fine game. Sweet revenge for the Dutchman, and it's now a long wait until the last day of the season for his first scheduled meeting with his former outfit.

Standard's defeat at Gent allowed Anderlecht to return to the head of the table. These two great rivals recently met in Brussels, honours being divided with Nielsen giving the homesters the lead soon after the break and Wellens getting a late equaliser for the visitors. Billed as the match of the season, Anderlecht seemed to adopt the theory that the more people crammed into the Parc Astrid, the more would faint and be taken for treatment, thereby letting others take their places. This was all very well, but the atmosphere inside the stadium became decidedly heated, and it was no surprise to see the local police in constant action.

Weatherwise, the atmosphere was decidedly cold, wet and windy at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, where the national team played their first World Cup Group 2 match against the Republic of Ireland. However, the uncompromising 1-1 draw went some way to lifting any gloom affecting the Belgian players.

Raced

Trainer Guy Thys was forced to make a couple of changes from the team that served him so well in Italy due to the non-availability of Van der Elst and Cools, and it was one of the replacements, Bert Cluytens of Beveren, who raced through the middle of the Irish defence to give the Belgians a 12th minute lead. Ceulemans then twice went close before the Irish put their game together to dominate the latter part of the first-half. The 42nd minute equaliser from Grealish, thanks to the Belgian off-side trap for once not working, was deserved and set the Irish up for a sustained second-half assault.

Its failure can mainly be attributed to Brady fading out of the picture and the rugged work of the hard pressed Belgian defence. A firmer referee than M. Rolles from Luxembourg would certainly have cautioned Meeuws for any one of a number of fouls, and the referee's appointment to the match seems a strange decision, rather like a Welshman refereeing Italy versus England in Turin.

Julien Cools — absent from the Belgian side.

Throughout the match the Belgians had three men forward, giving the Irish midfield a surprising amount of room which they never really exploited. Van Moer spent most of his time chasing Brady's heels and Ludo Coeck's return from injury to the international scene can best be described as mediocre. Vandenbergh had another disappointing game, unless he rediscovers his scoring touch his place will soon be in jeopardy. On the credit side came Pfaff for his safe handling. Meeuws and Renquin in defence and Cluytens for being the only forward prepared to run at the Irish back line.

At the end of the match, some Belgian players raised their arms as if to signify the achievement of the mission. Considering the Dutch had been beaten at the same venue a month earlier, there was some justification in doing this. In truth though, the Belgian performance left much to be desired, with the ineptitude of the Irish forwards in and around the penalty area letting their visitors off the hook. Van Moer is on his last legs and the forwards are struggling for goals. Trainer Thys will be only too aware that there's plenty to be done before the World Cup finals place is secured.

Wilfried Van Moer of Belgium.

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World Soccer Diary compiled by Keir Radnedge

TOUGH FOR BERTONI

IT WAS never going to be easy for Italy's first imports in 16 years.

And Argentine World Cup-winner Daniel Bertoni was the first to scream about the treatment meted out by opposing defenders in pre-season friendly and cup games.

"I used to get kicked enough in Spain, with Sevilla," said Bertoni after his first outings with Fiorentina. "But that was nothing to what goes on here. It's almost as if there's a campaign to make life as unpleasant as possible for all the foreigners."

Bertoni's squealing was not repeated by all the other newcomers, however.

"It doesn't seem too tough to me," said Juventus' Liam Brady. "But then, perhaps I'm used to rough stuff after the English League."

It's not Brady or Bertoni who have been the most impressive of the new men, but Roma's Brazilian midfielder Roberto Falcao.

His complex arrival arrangements gave manager Nils Liedholm kittens, for after signing on the dotted line Falcao returned to rejoin his old Internacional team-mates in Spain, where the Brazilian club were playing summer tournaments.

Falcao eventually returned to Rome safely, but with a demand from Internacional and the Brazilian federation that Roma pay a penalty of £1,000 every time they refused to release him for Brazilian national team duty!

Roma have no intention of paying and setting what would be a dangerous precedent. They pointed out that any hard-up football association could earn a lot of money by abusing that sort of agreement!

Roma are, of course, Italian Cup holders. And later in the season they'll be joined in the quarter finals by the seven preliminary round qualifiers — Juventus, Avellino, Spal, Fiorentina, Lazio, Bologna and Torino.

Champions Internazionale and neighbours Milan both slipped up — though Inter did have the satisfaction of winning the season's only San Siro derby, beating Milan 1-0. The 51,000 crowd paid an astonishing record £340,000 to see the game!

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KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE made his own one-man protest against anonymous refereeing in the final of the Santiago Bernabeu tournament against Real Madrid.

Kicked and hacked mercilessly by Madrid's Jose Camacho without a flicker of refereeing protection, Rummenigge walked off!

Bayern sent on substitute Calle Del'Haye — who received much the same treatment and, after retaliating, was sent off!

Poetic justice that after a deplorably vicious 1-1 draw, Bayern won the tournament 5-4 on penalties — despite being pelted with beer cans by Madrid's once-gracious crowd.

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DOESN'T seem possible to get away from player power.

After the pre-season strike at Porto came the threat of a stoppage by Greek league players, and then a similar warning from Spain's stars.

The Spanish went on strike last year for one game, flexing the new muscles provided by a relaxation of employment laws following the demise of Generalissimo Franco.

The cause then was an understandable demand for football's inclusion under social security and pension laws available to other workers. And the latest dispute has been over a matter equally understandable.

This summer the players' union, the AFE, and their cautious but calculating leader, Quino, turned up the amazing statistic that clubs owed players an astounding £1.8 million in unpaid basic salaries and bonuses.

Top of the hit list were the recently-relegated Madrid club Rayo Vallecano. Mostly the clubs involved were from the second and third divisions. But even Cup-winners' Cup holders Valencia were on Quino's list of tardy payers.

"We are not asking for anything outrageous," he said. "We just want the money owed to us. What other set-up could get away with holding back a man's pay like this?"

Federation president Pablo Porta, while not admitting publicly that the players were right to be upset, quietly ordered every club involved to borrow the money from somewhere and pay up within a week!

The Spanish league was thus able to begin on time.

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RUDI GUTENDORF, the West German now running the Australian national team, has his sights set on anther 'first'. *Riegel-Rudi*, the nickname he earned in the Bundeswliga for his defensive strategies, wants to become the first foreign coach to land a job in the English First Division. "Why not?" asks Gutendorf. "I was the first German coach in South America, the first in the United States and the first in Africa. Anyway, I think the English have a lot to learn from German football." And Australian football too?

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GOAL-SCORING goalkeepers pop up now and again — but you'll have to go a long way to find a league exploit to match that of the Yugoslav national team man, Dragan Pantelic, of Radnicki Nis.

Pantelic has been taking Radnicki's penalties for some time, and has proved as reliable in shooting as he has in saving — his goalkeeping form earned him a reg spot in the Olympic team in Moscow as we in the national squad.

But his greatest moments came in league match against NK Zagreb.

Pantelic not only scored a hat-trick with penalties in Radnicki's 4-0 win . . . in the minute he saved a Zagreb spot-kick!

Precidents? Real Madrid's Mariano Ga Remon once saved a penalty in a Cup deci then stepped up to score the winner; an course it isn't so long since the days another cool Yugoslav, Ognjan Petrovic, took 'em and stopped 'em for Red S Belgrade — most notably in a Cup-winn Cup quarter final against Madrid.

I suppose goalkeepers have to be goo spot kicks. If the shot is saved they've g brisk sprint to get back!

ZICO may not be long in parting comp with Flamengo to come to Europe. contract with the Brazilians runs out n year and the Italians must be favourites.

Zico was wanted by several Italian cl this past summer, but didn't fight too h when Flamengo said No — until he found the fort of money Robert Falcao is earnin Roma! — Flamengo will go to a lot of leng to keep Zico — for instance, he was the o man allowed to bring his wife on the rec European tour — but if he doesn't move s he'll be too old, and he knows it.

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L'EQUIPE, the Paris sports daily who brou us the European Cup, have embarked o new, domestic, venture aimed at increasi goal scoring.

The paper have put up a £6,000 prize for t club who score most goals in the Fren league this season, and will also be awardi an armband set each week to be worn by t team who, the previous week, had the m successful attack.

L'Equipe aren't the only paper in Euro pushing for a better scoring rate. The Lond Daily Mail has launched what it terms a Su League table — awarding four points fo home win, six for an away win, two for a dra plus one point for every goal above two.

As I write the top three — Ipswi Southampton and Liverpool — are also in th order in the Division One proper. Seems prove little more than something we kn

Where are they now

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? – ***Paulo Valentim.*** *One of Brazil's outstanding centre forwards in an era of greats. Valentim was born in Belo Horizonte in 1934 and made his name with Botafogo. In the 1957 Rio championship final against Fluminense – who needed only a draw for the title – he scored five times in a 6-2 win. The Botafogo forward line read: Garrincha, Didi, Valentim, Quarentinha, Zagalo! Injury kept him out of the 1958 World Cup squad and he was transferred to Argentina's Boca Juniors in 1960. Won championship medals in 1962 and 1964 and scored 77 goals in his five years at La Bombonera before returning to Brazil, to Sao Paulo, in 1965. Ended his career at Atlante in Mexico in 1967. Tired several business ventures but lost most o his savings and investments through bad guidance. Now back in Buenos Aires coaching kids teams.*

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already — that the teams who score more goals than the opposition win matches.

But it'll be intriguing to see how the table ends up.

While I don't share the simplistic view that fans go to football only to see goals, something is needed to shake up the English scoring rate.

A table reviewing the 29 major European leagues last season saw England 22nd with a goal-per-match rate of 2.50. Turkey were bottom with 1.75, not far behind (of course) Italy, with 1.88. These were the only two countries who averaged less than two goals a game.

Top of the table came West Germany, with a remarkable 3.34 goals a game. Also in the three-per-gam bracket were Switzerland, Hungary, Luxembourg, Finland, Northern Ireland and Denmark.

The semi-professional approach may go some way towards the explaining the successful striking rate of the minnows. But it's the German figure which is significant.

They are out in front not because of any messing about with goal awards or bonus points, but because of *attitude*. Let's hope their European championship win will inspire a few more copycats.

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CHINA hasn't long been back in the FIFA fold, but already the international football spies are out in force.

First target is a left-winger, Gu Ani Min, who is top of the Hamburg wanted list.

DATES TO NOTE: . . . *Nov 1:* WC — Italy-Denmark, Canada-US . . . *Nov 5:* WC — C Rica-Panama . . . European Club second round, 2nd legs . . . *Nov 9:* WC — Mexico-US, Guatemala-El Salvador, Cuba-Guyana, Trinidad/Tobago-Neth. Antilles . . . *Nov 12:* Spain-Poland . . . WC — Israel-Sweden . . . Euro U21: Holland-Spain . . . *Nov 14:* Euro U21 — Italy-Yugoslavia . . . *Nov 15:* WC — Austria-Albania, Italy-Yugoslavia . . . *Nov 16:* WC — Mexico-Canada, Guatemala-Panama, Honduras-C Rica . . . *Nov 18:* Euro U21 — England-Switzerland, Scotland-Denmark . . . W Germany B-France B . . . Frabce U21-W Germany U21 . . . *Nov 19:* W Germany-France (Hanover) . . . Poland-Algeria (Poznan) . . . WC — Belgium-Holland, Rep. Ireland-Cyprus, Wales-Czechoslovakia, Portugal-N. Ireland, England-Switzerland, Denmark-Luxembourg . . . Poland B-E Germany B . . . *Nov 22:* WC — US-Mexico . . . *Nov 23:* El Salvador-Honduras . . . *Nov 26:* WC — C Rica-Guatemala . . . UEFA Cup, third round, 1st legs . . . *Nov 30:* WC — Guyana-Cuba, Neth. Antilles-Trinidad/Tobago.

GOLDEN BOOT. – Rajanieni (Sepsi) 15 goals (25 games) – Jensen (Aarhus) 13 (21), Madsen (B93 Copenhagen) 13 (21) – Ohlsson (Hammarby) 12 (19) – Jalasvaara (OPs) 12 (25) – Andreyev (Rostov) 11 (20) – Hansen (Naestved) 11 (21) – Bjernegard (Ikast) 11 (21) – T Nilsson (IFK Gothenburg) 10 (19) – Blokhin (Kiev) 10 (20) – Tutunen (Kupio) 10 (25) – Skovboe (Naestved) 10 (21) – Berggren (Lyngby) 10 (21).

Names in the news

NAMES IN THE NEWS . . . JOHAN CRUYFF'S attempt at a brief one-month comeback as an amateur to aid Ajax is halted by the KNVB . . . JOHAN NEESKENS walks out of New York Cosmos . . . BERND SCHUSTER is the latest Köln target of Wolves, after HERBERT NEUMANN turns them down in favour of Italy's Udinese . . . JUAN CARLOS LORENZO quits Racing Buenos Aires for Atlante of Mexico . . . VICTOR RODRIGUEZ is new Racing BA boss . . . OSCAR ORTIZ, World Cup-winning winger, may be leaving River Plate . . . HECTOR SCOTTA quits Sevilla and Spain to go home to Ferro Carril Oeste . . . CARLOS KIESE (Gremio) is eyes by both River Plate and Atletico Madrid . . . WILLY KREUZ, Austrian midfielder, suffers Achilles tendon trouble . . . Anderlecht midfielder LUDO COECK is hurt, yet again . . . SIMON TAHAMATA gets two goals in Standard Lieg's remarkable 7-1 win at Brugge . . . MARIO ZAGALO has taken over at Vasco da Gama . . .RUDI KROL has joined Italy's Napoli on loan from Vancouver for six months . . . Dynamo Berlin star HANS-JÜRGEN RIEDIGER has been sidelined with knee trouble . . . EBERHARD VOGEL of Carl Zeiss Jena is playing another season, at 37 . . . HANS-ULLRICH GRAPENTHIN is East German Player of the Year . . . LAURENT ROUSSEY of Saint-Etienne makes an unofficial international debut at 18 for France against Juventus . . . RENE VAN DER KERKHOF, back with PSV after a brief stay with Lazio Rome, is out for weeks after a knee operation . . . Alkmaar have dropped KEES KIST . . . PIET SCHRIJVERS and PIM DOESBURG have retired from Holland's national squad . . . LASZLO PUSZTAI has become the fifth current approved Hungarian exile, joining Elche of Spain . . . CESARE MALDINI, ex-Milan sweeper and later coach, is new aide to Italy's national boss, Enzo Bearzot . . .FABIO CAPELLO has retired from playing to join the Milan coaching staff . . . ALDO LENZINI has succeeded brother UMBERTO as Lazio president . . . DAGOBERTO MOLL is the new coach of Mexico's Tampico . . . MICKY WALSH of Queen's Park Rangers joins FC Porto . . . Porto midfielder ROMEU has been suspended for eight games and Benfica skipper HUMBERTO COELHO for three OLEG BLOKHIN'S lively international comeback earns Russia's Player of the Month award . . . ULI STIELIKE is upset that he wasn't allowed to play for West Germany against Switzerland, the same night LAURIE CUNNINGHAM was freed to be with England's squad against Norway . . . Flamengo are favourites to land Atletico Madrid's transfer-listed centre back LUIZ PEREIRA . . . JESUS SATRUSTEGUI has signed a four-year contract with Real Sociedad .

AFRICA by James Mwambazi

ZAMBIA OUT OF CHALLENGE CUP

THE East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup championship which gets under way in Khartoum, Sudan, this month (November), will be minus one of the strong contenders for the title — Zambia.

Zambia has pulled out of the tournament because its dates coincide with the World Cup qualifying series against Morocco and, secondly, Zambia does not have enough resources to field the team in the World Cup and the Challenge Cup.

Zambia play Morocco in the first leg, second round of the World Cup on November 16 in Rabat with the return leg on November 30 in Lusaka. The East and Central African Senior Challenge cup championship will be played between November 4 and November 16.

Revenue

If Zambia were to take part in both tournaments they would need £59,000. Zambia would be the loser as far as the Challenge Cup is concerned.

Football Association of Zambia Chairman, David Lewanika said: "If Zambia is to take part in the Challenge cup we will need £20,000. This means that Zambia will be the loser financially as the tournament has no return matches from which my association could get revenue."

Zambia's withdrawal from the Challenge Cup now leaves Malawi, defending champions, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Tanzania, Zanizibar and Sudan to fight it out for the championship. But on their current form, Malawi are hot favourites to win the title again this year.

Meanwhile Zambia have thrown in the towel and agreed to play Morocco in their World Cup qualifying rounds on the dates suggested by Morocco

Originally the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) had hotly disapproved of these dates becaue they were unsuitable to Zambia. Zambia's argument was that the return leg would be played at the time when it was rain season in Zambia and this would affect gate takings.

They then chose alternative dates — October 26 in Rabat and November 9 in Lusaka, but Morocco would not budge and stuck to their dates as arrangements for the match in Morocco had reached an advanced stage.

FAZ appealed to FIFA to mediate but a reply from Zurich did not help the situations either. They agreed with Morocco that the games should be played according to the dates suggested by Morocco. Zambia had no choice but to throw in the towel.

Aggregate

This will be the second time that Zambia and Morocco will be meeting in the World Cup qualifying rounds. In the 1974 World Cup preliminaries, Zambia beat Morocco 4-0 in Lusaka but Morocco avenged that defeat by beating Zambia 2-0 in the return played in Rabat. But Zambia went ahead on a 4-2 goal aggregate and were dismissed from the tournament by Zaire who beat them 3-1 in Kinshansa in the return match. Zaire had lost the first leg 1-2 to Zambia in Lusaka.

The Zambian team to take on Morocco has not been announced yet but technical director, a Romanian, Ted Dumitru is working hand in hand with team coach, Dick Chama to put the team together after the Moscow fiasco.

To give the team enough ammunition, international friendly games have been arranged against Kenya, Zaire and Nigeria.

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know how many of the Mexican professionals were earning as much as $25,000 a year?

The NASL so desperately needs highly skilled players from overseas, to set the example for young American players to follow. From the 1980 season, I would pick out two superb examples of applied soccer skill that should be required viewing for all young players.

Superb

First, the game played at Giants Stadium against the Cosmos by the Dallas Tornado's Argentine forward Omar Gomez. Everything soccer skill can accomplish — baffling, exciting dribbling, superb first-time passing, a two-goal performance that had the Cosmos defence in terrible trouble. Sad to say, Gomez's brilliant display was ended by a terrible, and quite deliberate, kick to the back of his knee from Carlos Alberto.

Second, the ongoing saga of Giorgio Chinaglia who scored all manner of goals during the season, some deceptively simple, some breathtakingly difficult. A big man, yes, but one who has developed and polished his goal-scoring skills. That is what we await — an American Gomez, and an American-born, not naturalised, Giorgio Chinaglia.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

ALAN "Bring On the Clowns" Durban really put the cat among the pigeons with his remarks after the recent Arsenal-Stoke game, when his Stoke City team defended in desperate numbers, but still succumbed 2-0 to the North Londoners. Here is his full statement: "We have taken some pastings away from home and had to do something about it. If you just want entertainment, you could go out and get a bunch of clowns. If obtaining pleasure from matches is the only concern, then you could get rid of all the coaches and let the players go out and get on with it."

Indeed, poor Durban, a likeable and capable fellow, a very good footballer in his time and a tennis player still, left himself horribly open. Yet to an extent one sympathises with his predicament. For professional football is at one level an entertainment, and at another, a grim business of survival. Besides, leaving aside the temptation to say that football might well be a lot better without most of its coaches (though not without its few good ones), there is the whole question of what constitutes entertainment. As the frogs in the Aesop fable said to the schoolboys who were stoning them: "It may be sport to you, but it is death to us."

Thus, I remember Jimmy Bloomfield, manager of Orient, emerging from the dressing-rooms early last season with a brave little smile, after the O's had lost 7-3 at home to Chelsea, and remarking: "Football was the winner." I don't think you could have found many Orient supporters who shared his view.

The trouble is that in a football match, where one team wins, the other must lose. We think of such wonderful performances as Hungary's 6-3 victory over England at Wembley in November 1953, Real Madrid's 7-3 conquest of Eintracht Frankfurt in the European Cup Final of 1960 in Glasgow, Benfica's 5-3 beating of Real in the equivalent match in Amsterdam, two years later, and don't consider the anguish of the losers and their fans.

The terrible truth is that the great bulk of football supporters – and I know, because I used to be one – would rather see their favourites win a bad game than lose a good one. Entertainment lies in winning, though of course it is always nice to win well. This has for many dreary drab spiteful years been a commonplace in Italian football, where the result is all that matters, and fear-ridden teams betray their talents and their possibilities with heavily manned, ruthless defences.

Durban, then, should perhaps be hauled on to the carpet not for bringing the game into disrepute but for giving it away. Most managers are obliged to think like that, but they are tactful, cautious or cunning enough not to say it.

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I FOUND the FA's punishment of Sheffield Wednesday for their fans' behaviour at Oldham worrying in its implications. How can soccer clubs control the behaviour of their supporters away from home? a question one asked when Rangers and Barcelona were punished in the past by UEFA. A season long ban on all travel by Wednesday fans would make more sense. Indeed, I'd like to ban all fan travel.

MANAGERS baffle me at times. So does the tendency of reporters to treat their often silly post match conferences as though they were Holy Writ. Let me take, as an example, a match played early this season at the Goldstone Ground, Hove, between Brighton and Hove Albion and West Bromwich Albion. West Bromwich won 2-1 after Brighton had dominated the first half with their greater adventure and energy, scoring once and twice being frustrated when Godden in the West Bromwich goal saved splendidly from Smith. Mike Robinson had had a goal set up for him by Smith; little McNab had shown energy and intelligence in Brighton's midfield.

In the second half, however, West Bromwich, having been let off the hook, at last decided to push forward, and scored two rather soft goals, to win the game.

When it was over, Ron Atkinson, their manager, informed the Press that the victory had been the fruit of his decision to use both his full-backs, Trewick ("If you've seen one wall, you've seen 'em all") and Statham as attackers, in the absence of any Brighton winger. Alan Mullery, the manager of Brighton, opined that it was his team's worst performance of the season and suggested they had only themselves to blame.

The facts were that little Statham, normally the most exuberant of attacking full-backs, had not come forward until the 37th minute, when he beat a couple of men in a good attempt on goal, then got himself booked for shoving the referee. As for Brighton, they'd probably have won the game comfortably, despite the poor form in attack of Peter Ward, had Godden not made those two excellent saves from clever Gordon Smith. Are managers to be believed?

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IN the many war, tributes which have very properly been paid to John Arlott, on the occasion of his retirement from cricket commentating – tributes to which I enthusiastically add my own – it is strange that no one mentioned his contribution to football journalism. Arlott, in fact, was a football lover before he was a cricket lover, and for many years wrote delightfully and perceptively about the game both in the Observer and the Guardian, not to mention in his book, Concerning Soccer.

That largely forgotten collection contains a gem of a reminiscence about supporting Reading, then his nearest League club; the heroic cycle rides to and fro (shades of the days when I'd make a 20 mile round trip from Godalming to Aldershot across the Hog's Back, to watch Tommy Lawton play for Notts County!) the season when he copied the style of a raiding centre-forward to exploit the new offside law in his school matches, the brawny, unsung, heroes of the day.

Reading: A Supporter's Piece had great charm, like so much of what Arlott writes – and says – but the game went sour on him some years ago when the new breed of supporters abused and attacked him on Southampton bound trains.

That was enough for John; he made his excuses and left the game he once had loved; though one wonders what he felt, on the eve of his retirement from cricket commentating, about the shameful manhandling of the umpires at Lord's on the occasion of the rain-ruined Centenary Test between England and Australia. He may well have been relieved that he was withdrawing now, as things fell apart even in the temple of the game.

Now he will live, most happily, I hope, on the island of Alderney. Perhaps he will find time, this kind, generous, talented man, to give us a sequel to Concerning Soccer.

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TREVOR CHERRY, punched in the mouth by Daniel Bertoni, and losing a tooth in the process – besides being sent off with his aggressor! – in Buenos Aires three years ago, might be amused by Bertoni's lamentations in Italy. On his return to Florence after a Cup tie against Atalanta, in which he'd been comprehensively kicked by the 20-year-old home left-back, he spoke bitterly of the treatment forwards got in Italy. Giacinto Facchetti, Italy's holder of the international cap record, now with Atalanta's staff, replied that things in Argentina are worse. Cherry might agree.

After his first League match for Fiorentina, Bertoni was in the wars again. Perugia's young left-back accused him of spitting in his face, and threatening to kill him, not to mention "diving" to provoke the penalty kick from which Fiorentina won the match.

Bertoni himself, warmly defended by his manager, Carosi, was all injured innocence. He did not even speak Italian, he said, so how could he possibly have threatened his opponent. As for spitting, it was outrageous to suggest he had done anything of the sort. Is Trevor Cherry smiling . . . wryly?

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JUST as the cuttlefish squirts out a stream of ink when alarmed, so apologists for American soccer tend to react to criticism by alleging, whatever the facts, that the critic has spent no time in the United States. Jim Lennox, the coach at Hartwick College, expresses surprise that I should show such "perspicacity" about American soccer after "only one week" in the States.

I had, in fact, one week in Hartwick's town of Oneonta; and a very long week it was. It was part of a month's sojourn in the States, much of it spent working for the Washington Post. Since 1962, I have been visiting the country frequently.

AUSTRIA by Andre Duclos

GOOD WIN IN FINLAND

THE AUSTRIAN national team began its World Cup programme with a 2-0 away win over Finland in Helsinki. The goals were scored by the "foreign legionnaires" Jara (MSV Duisburg) and Welzl ('AZ 67' Alkmaar). Another "mercenary" Pezzey (Eintracht Frankfurt) was Austria's outstanding player, while the celebration Krankl (Barcelona) did not quite live up to his reputation.

The Austrians' other opponents in this section are West Germany, Albania and Bulgaria, so that they are optimistic of reaching at least second place, sufficient to qualify for Spain in 1982. National team manager Karl Stotz was forced to make one vital change after midfielder Willy Kreuz dropped out following a cartilage operation. But Roland Hattenberger (VfB Stuttgart) who was going to give up playing for the national team, changed his mind.

Rejected

Stotz had other problems before the match. All ten First Division clubs unanimously rejected his plan to organise a training camp for his squad before the start of the season. The OeFB (FA) also appear to have blundered in agreeing to play the away leg against Albania on December 6 — when there is already a winter break in Austrian football.

For the champions FK Austria-Memphis the season turned sour almost as soon as it started. The team won its opening match away to Admira by 1-0, but the result was changed by the Football Federation into a 0-3 forfeit defeat. It appears that FK Austria did not check the documents releasing international centre-forward Gerd Steinkogler from his former club Werder Bremen by the German FA. He was thus deemed ineligible to play in that match which nearly cost the title-holders two points. To make matters even worse, Steinkogler pulled ankle ligaments and was put out of action for three months! Fortunately the club's appeal against the forfeit was successful.

Walter Schachner, last season top scorer in the League and third best in Europe with 34 goals, had not scored during the first month, but he came back with a vengeance in the traditional "derby" against Rapid by hitting a hat-trick in a 5-2 win. This was a marvellously exciting match which drew 20,000 to the West-Stadion.

Earlier, FK Austria were eliminated in the Cup at the second hurdle, losing to the then League leaders GAK in Graz by 2-1. To add to their troubles, their fine midfielder Baumeister suffered a terrible personal tragedy when is 2½-year-old daughter was drowned in a swimming pool. The club's new hope, striker Harald Fürst (20) became big-headed; after scoring a couple of goals his output soon dried up when the Press had hailed him as "another Krankl".

The biggest sensation of the championship so far, was FK Austria's 1-4 home defeat by their namesakes from Salzburg. This club, now sponsored by the local Casino, was founded at late as 1933, and first played in the First Division in 1952. Later the Salzburger were relegated four times, but now under the new manager Rudi Strittich expectations are high. Strittich (58) a former international with First Vienna, spent 16 years in Denmark where he led Esbjerg to five League championship titles and was also for six years national team manager. Salzburg's hero against FK Austria was their German forward Hans-Gerd Schildt (28) formerly of Arminia Bielefeld, who scored a hat-trick.

On the transfer market the big surprise was the acquisition of the veteran Czech winger Vesely from Slavia Prague by Rapid. Vesely, who is 37, has obviously seen his best days. Rapid are also about to spring a major sensation: Anatoli Sintchenko (31) a former Russian international is set to join Austria's record champions.

He will be the first footballer from the Soviet Union who got permission to play for a club in Western Europe. But as I write, Sintchenko had not yet arrived in Vienna. . .

Other famous Czechoslovaks to settle in this country are Ladislav Kuna (ex-Spartak Trnava) now 34, who joined Admira and Koloman Goegh 32 (ex-Slovan Bratislava) who played in the recent European Championship finals is now with Voest Linz. FK Austria were interested in a 24-year-old Brazilian Adao from Flamengo Rio, but could not make up their minds. Under a new rule incidentally, three foreign players instead of two are now permitted in a match.

Mourns

Austrian football mourns the sudden loss of one of its greatest players ever. Record capped Gerhard Hanappi (93 internationals), died of a heart attack at the age of 51. Hanappi began his career in 1947 with Wacker, then played for FK Austria and finally with Rapid. Between 1948 and 1956 he played 55 consecutive internationals, twice in World Cup finals in 1954 and 1958.

His last international was in 1962 against Czechoslovakia. In 1953 he played for the 'Rest of the World' XI in a 4-4 draw against England at Wembley. He had a diploma of an architect and built for example Austria's most modern sports stadium, the 'West-Stadion' in Vienna's suburb of Hütteldorf.

Austrian clubs had a disastrous First Round in the international cup competitions. The biggest disappointment was FK Austria's demise at the hands of Aberdeen. Trailing by just 0-1 from the away leg, the Viennese bombarded the Scottish goal but were unable to break through. This lack of finishing power is worrying manager Erich Hof whose first priority must now be to acquire another striker to complement Walter Schachner.

It is doubtful whether Gerd Steinkogler, when he recovers from pulled ligaments, will solve the problem. And the club's other worry is that Schachner may move abroad. Aberdeen apparently expressed interest at £200,000, while English clubs Everton, Birmingham City and West Ham were also reported to be watching this prolific striker.

Hans Krankl (right) in action.

HUNGARY by Leslie Vernon

Physical condition must be improved

FOLLOWING the disastrous 4-1 defeat against Russia at home, Hungary needed a confidence booster, and the opportunity presented itself with Spain's visit to the Nepstadium. Despite their poor results, the Spaniards created a good impression during the European Championship Finals in Italy, and as this was their first match under the new management of Jose Emilio Santamaria, it was also an important occasion for them.

Kalman Meszoly had a few injury problems, and after a heavy defeat, changes were also obligatory. Instead of the ailing Jozsef Toth, he drafted Kantor into the squad at left full-back, and also included two youngsters, Dajka from Honved and Poloskei from Raba Eto.

The squad: Goalkeepers: Meszaros, Katzirz. Defenders: Szanto, Paroczai, Balint, Kereki, Garaba, Kantor. Midfield: Pasztor, Nyilasi, Buresa, Csongradi, Dajka. Forwards: Bodonyi, Kiss, Torocsik, Fekete, Poloskei.

A "B" squad was also named for a friendly against the "B" team of Spain in Valencia (2-2), which included Gujdar in goal, Torok, Baranyi in defence and the Borostyan-Eszterhazy-Pogany forward-line. It was also obvious that Meszoly finally opted for the 4-3-3 formation, a system with which he will persist in the forthcoming World Cup qualifiers as well.

Eventually, this team took the field against Spain in the Nepstadium in front of a disappointing 15,000 crowd: Katzirz — Paroczai, Balint, Kereki, Varga — Pasztor, Nyilasi, Dajka — Bodonyi, Kiss, Poloskei.

Both Kantor and Torocsik were injured, and the 26-years old Varga was a last minute recruit from Honved. Laszlo Nagy started the match on the left-wing for his 25th international selection, but that was only a polite gesture, he gave way to Poloskei after 10 minutes' play.

Nagy was, however, still on the pitch when Spain took the lead in the fourth minute through Juanito, who beat Paroczai and Balint in a dribble before slipping the ball past Katzirz.

Hungary equalised in the 10th minute when Dajka lifted the ball to Kiss, whose first shot was parried by Arconada, but with the help of Bodonyi, Kiss eventually scored.

Moran missed a great scoring chance for Spain in the 40th minute, and then Csongradi, who came in for the tired Nyilasi at half-time, engineered a goal for Bodonyi.

Better side

However, Spain were the better side in the second half, and in the 68th minute, Satrustegui converted a Gordillo pass — 2-2! This was Hungary's best display this season, the team played with great enthusiasm, and Meszoly was satisfied.

"When I think that we were leading 2-1 and then conceded a silly goal, then I am a little bit annoyed, but a draw is not a bad result against an excellent team.

After all, we had three newcomers in our side (Dajka, Varga, Poloskei), and Dajka was one of the best players on the pitch! We have definitely progressed since the Russian game, but it was again obvious that we must improve the physical condition of our players. We need a few "runners" in the side."

Santamaria was also satisfied with the result, and he complimented the Hungarians on their technical ability and ball-play, which was, according to him, in line with the old Hungarian traditions.

In my view, there is still room for improvement, a home draw cannot be regarded as a great triumph, and a lot of work has to be done before the vital qualifying games next year.

In the Championship, Ferencvaros are two points ahead of newly promoted Nyiregyhaza, and have a three points' lead over the Tatabanya, Vasas, Videoton triumvirate.

Both Ujpest and Honved are in mid-table positions, but the latter have played two matches fewer than "Fradi".

Dozsa lost their last match 5-0 at Tatabanya, an amazing set-back, even when one considers that they were still without Torocsik.

They still haven't adequately replaced the departed Fazekas, and also have goalkeeping problems. Neither Rothermel nor Kolar are playing well enough.

Vasas beat Honved 1-0, as part of a Nepstadium "double-header" with a goal by Kiss, but this was a very poor match. As an appetiser to this unpalatable main dish, Ferencvaros defeated MTK/VM 3-1, with goals by Rab, Nyilasi and a Boda own goal — Sebestyen scored for the blue-and-whites.

MTK were unlucky to lose their goalkeeper, Brunyi, with an injury after 18 minutes' play in this game, and his deputy, the inexperienced Pleski, was responsible for one of the goals.

MTK are in the relegation zone together with Dunaujvaros and Diosgyor. Diosgyor won't be there long, their injured players have recovered, and they collected five points in their last three matches. The standard of the League can only be described as mediocre, and that is the main weakness of present day Hungarian football.

What's good enough for the lukewarm domestic fare is not sufficient for international football.

The first round of the UEFA competitions amply demonstrated this truism. Vasa lost at home to Boavista 2-0, and were eventually eliminated, Dozsa could not beat Real Sociedad at home (1-1), and a narrow away defeat meant the end of their UEFA-Cup adventure.

Only Honved came out on top, they miraculously beat Sporting Lisbon twice — 2-0 away, 1-0 at home, and will now face Real Madrid in the European Cup. The days when Hungarian teams reached the Finals of European competitions seem very far away.

The decline has been gradual, and let's hope that the pendulum will start swinging in the other direction soon.

SPEAKING PERSONALLY

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This month's most intriguing letter comes from Mr. John Dickinson of Chicago, USA, who wishes to revolutionise the World Cup. According to him, there are two main problems:

1. The fact that champions are crowned only once every four years, which creates a climate of universal hysteria, which is contrary to the best interests of the game.

2. The very idea of holding the "Final stages" in a single country, which tends to give the hosts (and their neighbours) an overwhelming and unjust advantage.

Mr. Dickinson's ideas: "Hold the World Cup every year(!), using a two-leg knockout format. It would take 213 matches to eliminate the 107 teams, and with a regionalised draw in the early rounds, the cost would be prohibitive.

Mr. Dickinson even took the trouble to work out the dates of the various rounds, and he would like to see the Final played in a neutral Continent. It is certainly a very interesting concept, but I am afraid it is not practical. We do not really want a World Cup every year, and it would be a pity to lose such well-established tournaments as the European Championship and South American Cup.

In my view, a four yearly World Cup is quite enough, but I would prefer 16 finalists only. The format of the Finals in 1966 and 1970 was perfect, with initial group competitions, and then knockout quarter- and semi-finals.

Unfortunately, Mr. Dickinson, finance comes into it a great deal, and when FIFA decide on a World Cup system, they have a beady eye on the TV revenue from the competition. They do not care about "hysteria" as long as the member-countries are satisfied, and the profit and loss account shows a healthy balance.

Thank you, for your interesting letter . . .

MANAGERIAL MUSICAL CHAIRS!

TELEVISION has a wonderful way of echoing the thoughts of not only the makers of statements but also the views of the majority of the games' thinkers and participators.

BBC Television has had two lovely cameos in the last few weeks with men who have been managers for some years and are respected for their thinking attributes.

In the first item Alec Stock, a man who played non-league football for Yeovil and has managed at most levels, drew attention to the parlous financial state of the game and the need for smaller clubs to look to lotteries, musical entertainments and other fundings run by the clubs or their supporters' organisations, to bring in much-needed revenue.

The second interview was conducted with John Bond, then leaving his Norwich managerial chair for the one at Manchester City. He talked of the need for smaller clubs to either exchange players or the manager after a period of some three to five years.

By coincidence both of these points had come out more fully in an interview I had conducted a couple of weeks before with Andy Nelson until quite recently the General Manager of Charlton Athletic. Andy, apart from scouting for a couple of league clubs is now out of the game and says of this: "For the first few weeks it was absolute heaven and I thought that this was what life was really about but gradually it creeps up on you and it becomes frustrating waiting for another club to contact you to offer you a job.

Great problems

"It's the first time it has ever happened to me and it is therefore completely new. You simply wait and hope and look for some other unfortunate manager to get the sack.

"One of the great problems is that a manager can be preparing a good group of young players to come through when he gets the sack and he therefore never sees his young team reach their full potential but instead some other manager takes over and brings them along. To a certain extent this happened to me at the Valley when I left Charlton and I am sure Theo Foley would have said the same thing when he was my predecessor.

"Unfortunately it is part and parcel of leaving a club as manager but it is essential to leave it in as healthy a position as you can because that is your job, namely to run the club's affairs in the best possible way."

There is of course a great deal of belief in the game amongst the older brethren of managers that the younger players do not have the same attitudes to playing and to knuckling down to their jobs. Andy Nelson is able, after many years in the game and now being out of it temporarily one hopes, to give an objective view.

He says: "The biggest single problem today in football appears to be over money and things may get worse. Transfer fees have gone through the roof which means that naturally every club cannot compete.

Quality players

"Players take an enormous amount of money out of the game and we do not have as many quality players as we ought to have. I believe there is a certain amount of lack of commitment but this does not only apply to football since it applies to the country as a whole.

"There is a tendency to try to get away with what you think is enough but unfortunately it is so shortsighted and narrow.

"Even apprentices want more out of the game than in my younger days. When I was Charlton manager I was approached by one of the apprentices only two months after signing him on his contract.

"He came to see me to tell me how short he was of money and told me a long story of needing two driving lessons a week, and having to get a new tyre, a new battery and generally having to maintain his car which left him with little money. I had to promptly tell him to catch a bus and to recount to him that by contrast to his position when I was at West Ham as a young player only Noel Cantwell had a car.

"Malcolm Allison, John Bond, Vic Keeble and others were all quite used to riding on buses. My first car came only when we won the Second Division championship at Ipswich and I had been married for 12 months and my wife's salary during that time bought our vehicle.

"These are now some of the problems of management and clearly the players have more to spend their money on which is natural since they obviously earn a lot more than in my playing days.

"The other great problem in management is because clubs really do have to get results to survive. The biggest difficulty is that in seeking results in a desperate fashion they are forced

Ken Goldman talks to Andy Nelson, who knows what it is like

to desperate means and the spectacle of the game is suffering badly as a result.

"It will clearly get worse since clubs are so desperate to get these results that they are unattractive to watch and therefore no one goes to see them with the consequence that clubs don't earn the necessary money.

"It therefore follows that if things continue the way they are going I believe there is a real possibility of several clubs having to exist on a part-time basis. Apart from the top 10 to 15 clubs in the country the rest must be more than 50 per cent supported by their other activities which are in the main lotteries. If the club lotteries go and the ancillary income such as programmes, TV, pools and advertising start to diminish, several clubs will be in a sorry plight."

Having discussed some of the particular problems we then turned to some of the remedies and again Andy Nelson was forthcoming in his views.

Recent years

"Over the recent years I have come to the conclusion that Malcolm Allison's idea that there should be no transfer of players whatsoever with every club having to survive on the players they produce, may be one of the important solutions.

"There would of course be a great drive to sign schoolboy and youth players but this would be good because it would be down to the individual clubs to produce players and teach them how to play the game rather than to give a financial advantage to the clubs who can regularly produce 30,000 to 50,000 gates as these clubs will always survive at the top level based on their ability to sign the best players.

"It might be sensible for managers to be given a set contract for say three to four years because after that time I believe they should automatically move on which in fact happens in Scandinavia. It is possible to change round a complete playing staff but it is very hard to do that in the course of three to four years.

"If you deal with people in a very competitive environment unless the players you have are of the highest quality it is not possible to be able to motivate them after that period of time. On the other hand if you have international players they have a certain amount of motivation in themselves, because they must retain all the benefits and indeed perks they can acquire such as sponsorships, high salaries and bonuses which they only get by being in the first teams of big clubs. It is not however possible to change players to the extent where you can get a fresh start and I believe Managers should move on a fairly regular basis.

Big clubs

"At big clubs with big playing staffs they have several quality players and this self-motivation I have referred to applies and this is coupled with the fact that the team is playing well and is successful every week.

"By contrast the players in the lower leagues and certain lesser players in the top division have to be put on their mettle in whichever way the manager or coach chooses to do. Clearly if the manager pushes his players weekly either by encouragement or criticism there has got to be a limitation on the amount of time this can be effective with those players

Andy Nelson

and I think that that limitation period is not more than the three to four years I have mentioned.

"A typical example of the difference between the self-motivation of players in my playing days and those of today, is that when I played at West Ham it was voluntary to go back in the afternoon to practice but if you did go back there would be a dozen or so players there. I cannot believe it would apply in any club today and until this attitude is changed things will not improve."

Finally we discussed the best parts of management and Andy replied: "The best part clearly is where you are at a club where everything seems to feel right. That club does not have to be a big name club but can be a small club such as Gillingham where I started.

Competitive spirit

"It took me two years to get things right but when it comes off and you have a team which you think is good enough to win the division it is a marvellous thing. Going away with players is one of the happiest moments and there is a tremendous competitive spirit amongst players which you find in football as with the people who play all professional sport. Everything translates itself into competition such as five-a-side, circuit training, relay runs or any other form of training and the whole of your playing staff and anyone else involved wants to win from start to finish and creates a pleasant build-up to the game on Saturday.

"All of the things I have mentioned do not always come off in the way that you want but when it does it creates a really great feeling."

Clearly Andy Nelson with his playing experience at West Ham and Ipswich and his managerial experience at Gillingham and Charlton has still a lot to offer the game and one hopes he will not be waiting and hoping too long before a league club approaches him with an important position in the game.

Eastern Europe by ERIC BATTY

Champions Banik Ostrava thrashed by Dukla

ON the opening day of the Czechoslovakian season, Dukla Praha beat champions Banik Ostrava 4-1 before a good Dukla crowd of 5,913 cash customers. Zdenek Nehoda scored two, taking his league total to 125 and Ladislav Vizek, their bright young winger got another.

The top crowd of the first day was on the West German frontier at Cheb where 9,558 saw Red Star beat Brono 2-1. Dukla then won 2-1 away to Nitra before being held at home to 0-0 by Lokomotive Kosice on a day when Nehoda missed a first half penalty kick.

Nehoda made amends in the fourth round by scoring a vital goal away to Brno that gave the Army side a 1-1 draw but then only 2,045 saw Dukla in their next home game in which they beat Slovan Bratislava 3-9.

Sparta Praha are always well supported and never more so than when they are getting good results. A crowd of 17,895 saw them beat newly-promoted Hradec Kralove 3-0 and then they drew 0-0 away at Cheb.

Held to 0-0 again by Bohemnians in the all Prague local derby they pulled in the biggest crowd of the season with 27,692 before going to Bratislava to draw 0-0 with Internacional on a day when only 2,281 saw them live in a game that was screened in full on television.

In the sixth round of matches Sparta entertained Dukla at Letna, another Prague derby and at that time the two sides were the only teams still unbeaten in the top flight.

Something had to go, and it was Dukla the league leaders who lost their unbeaten tag when watched by a crowd of 22,510, Petr Slany scored the only goal of the game. This pushed Sparta into top place, one point ahead of Dukla who were left with seven points, and Sparta the only team still unbeaten in the league.

Rude Hvezda (Red Star) the army team who were promoted last season and did unexpectedly well to survive a 0-0 draw away to Spartak Trnava before their big crowd at home to Sparta in mid-week.

Then at the sixth hurdle they took part in a remarkable game at Presov. Away wins are still quite rare in Czechoslovakia and to be 4-0 up away from home at half time is a little short of miraculous.

But at Presov that was the state of play at the interval where the home side pulled back three goals in the second half, only for Cheb to whack in two more and win 6-3 away.

Bohemians are still doing well, though always better at home than away. In Prague against Lokomotive Kosice they won 3-0 with dead-ball expert Antonin Panenka scoring twice, once from a penalty and another from a direct free-kick.

Although Inter-Bratislava held league leaders Sparta to 0-0, Sparta's tally is won three, drawn three, lost nil, Inter are the only side left after six games without a single win to their credit. But Nitra who have been on the wrong end of some big scores are bottom of the table and even this early are probably booked for the drop.

Dr Jozef Venglos is clearly trying to build a younger side for the World Cup qualifying campaign. Away to Poland in Chorzow for the first friendly of the season he omitted both Antonin Panenka and captain and libero Anton Ondrus.

Zdenek Nehoda scored the Czech goal after half an hour from an opening worked by right winger Marian Masny who has been in excellent form for Slovan Bratislava. Thirty years old with 59 caps, Masny was the most experienced player in the side at Chorzow, vying for that title with Nehoda who though only 28 has 66 caps.

The latest player to be capped for Czechoslovakia in goal is the number two at Dukla who has taken over from Jaroslav Netolicka, capped two years ago, Karel Stromsik who was one of six Dukla Praha players in the side. Though Dukla are still not established as a popular club to rival the old firm of Sparta and Slavia, it is widely acknowledted that when Dukla are good the national team is good.

Andrzet Szarmach of Stal Mielec is 30 years old this month and has scored seven goals in as many matches this season.

GOOD START FO

ON the opening day of the season in East Germany, only 104,600 paid to see the seven First Division matches for an average of 14,942. This was well down on 1978 when 127,000 turned up for day one, and the highest to date was a grand total of 152,000, an average of more than 20,000 in the balmy days of season 1976-77.

Eberhard Vogel, the veteran international left winger of FC Carl Zeiss Jena, was expected to quit at the end of last season but earning a place in the side he hit a hat-trick on the opening day and scored in each of the following games and now has six from six games.

Champions Berliner FC Dynamo got off to a good start with three straight wins and beating Lokomotive Leipzig by three clear goals in the third round was a good result. It was a good day too for their new 20-year-old centre-forward Bernd Schulz who scored two of the three goals.

Then, however, Dynamo Berlin caught a cold, losing 1-2 to FC Vorwarts, the Frankfurt army team who had not previously recorded a win in three games. Former international goalkeeper Jurgen Croy, the DDR's most capped player in his 15th season for Sachsenring Zwickau but they are stone bottom with only one point from six games and look

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LUBANSKI 'RETURNS'

POLAND'S favourite son, Wlodzimierz Lubanski, retired from Belgium to play in his 'benefit' match against Czechoslovakia and had the pleasure of scoring his sides goal in a 1-1 draw — from the penalty spot.

This was Lubanski's 50th international goal in a career going back to September, 1963 when he scored on his debut against Norway. His best days were in 1969 when he ran up five goals at Krakow against Luxembourg at a time when the Poles were still striving to establish themselves in the forefront of the European game, and in October, 1965 he also got four against Finland.

This was Lubanski's first appearance in the national team since before the 1978 World Cup and before the game 'Footballer of the Year' Goalkeeper Piotr Mowlik was awarded his trophy.

Poland's Under-21 team got off to a good start in their bid to qualify in the European competition, beating Norway 1-0 away at Lekkefjord with Pekala scoring the only goal after two minutes.

Antonin Panenka of Czechoslovakia.

Pointless

In the league race, champions Szombierki Bytom made a good start and were top after four rounds of matches, even though they crashed 0-1 away to Gornik Zabrze. After that they beat Slasl Wroclaw 3-0, at a time when their visitors were bottom, pointless and even without a goal and then they beat Wisla Krakow 3-1.

Meanwhile others were moving into challenging positions including Cup-holders Legia Warsaw, Widzew Lodz and Ruch Chorzow, recovered from a very bad time last season.

Surprisingly, too, with seven games now played newly-promoted Motor Lublin are well up in third place, only two points behind leaders Widzew Lodz, who are now the only unbeaten side in the First Division and looked very competent in their team battles with Manchester United apart from some hesitancy in goal.

An 'English week' with league games at the weekend, on Wednesday and again the following weekend, sorted the contenders out. In that spell Widzew drew away (0-0) to Odra Oplole and LKS Lodz, and in their only home game beat Aeka Gdynia 2-1. Their shortcoming seems to be in attack for they do not appear to have even one regular scorer up front.

Legia began very well with three victories and two draws but then visiting the champions Szombierki they went down 3-2 after an interesting game, and that enabled Widzew Lods to overhaul them and go top.

Stal Mielec are struggling, currently occupying 14th place in a 16-club table but in their last game centre-forward Adrzej Szarmach got two goals in the 3-4 defeat away to Ruch Chorzow. He is approaching his 30th birthday, the magic moment when Poles are permitted to join professional clubs in the West and he seems eager to make a good impression in order to interest clubs, though his choice appears to be limited to France and Belgium.

Leading marksman

After seven games Szarmach shares top scorers place on seven goals with Krzysztof Adamczyk of Legia Warsaw while Roman Ogaza of Szombierki has one less. Ruch's leading marksman, Tadeusz Malmowicz has already won the top league scorers trophy once and is looking good this term with five from seven games, one of which he missed through injury.

There were a few surprises in the FA Cup with Second Division clubs alreadyin eliminating First Division teams. Zaglebie Sosnowiecz and Wisla Krakow were obviously trying for they lost 1-2 and 0-1 respectively to Ursus Warsaw and Stal Stalowa Wola only after extra time. But Gorbik Zabrze were well beaten 2-0 away to Zaglebie Walbrzych, a former top flight club by 2-0 and Ruch Chorzow, despite their improved league results crashed out of the Cup 0-1 away to Division Two Bron of Radom.

FC DYNAMO

booked for the drop. Because the DDR Oberlinga programme is only one of 26 matches per season, Croy has just played his 350th league match.

One of the surprise results was recorded by newly-promoted FC Hansa Rostock when they beat 1 FC Magdeburg 1-0 before a 30,000 crowd. Another good crowd of 29,000 saw Dynamo Berlin draw 1-1 with Magdeburg with centre-forward Joachim Streich getting the leveller for the visitors.

But Dynamo Dresden are still the biggest crowd pullers at home, always getting a basic 26,000 and much more for attractive or high-flying opponents. Gerd Weber scored two for them in the 3-2 home win over HFC Chemie and Peter Kotte got a late winner, 2-1 away to Karl Marx Stadt, a game in which Dynamo's international libero Jurgen Dpmer played his 250th league match.

For the sixth round Zeiss were the only club with a 100 per cent record and they kept it, winning where Dynamo Berlin crashed, 2-1 away to Vorwarts with Vogel getting the first goal to stay top with twelve points. Magdeburg, looking good also are second, three points away.

ARCONADA –IS HE THE TOP 'KEEPER?

WHO WAS his country's No 1 goalkeeper during the last World Cup Finals, yet never moved off the substitutes' bench?

Sounds like one of those trick questions in a television football quiz — and the answer lies, of course, in the ironies caused by the World Cup system whereby every players has a squad number for the the tournament.

But if ever a goalkeeper was predestined for glory in this way, then that man is Luis Maria Arconada Echarri — without doubt now Spain's unquestioned No 1 on the pitch and also, possibly, the best in the world.

It's ironic that Arconada were the No 1 in Argentina yet was kept on the sidelines because Spanish boss Ladislao Kubala preferred the experience of Miguel Angel, from Read Madrid.

World Cup tournaments are the big four-yearly showcase for the top international goalkeepers. They, more than players in any other position, seem to establish a classification from the World Cup which lasts until the next finals.

It was in 1966 that Gordon Banks, hardly the most spectatular of goalkeepers, established his class and ability from being under the world's gaze; in 1974 it was the Swede, Ronnie Hellstrom, who became an international sensation; and in 1978 the mantle of the world's best was taken over by Argentina's Ubaldo Fillol.

But such has been the brilliance of his international explosion this past year, that Arconada may already have jumped the gun and become the new king of the penalty areas.

The French tennis player, Jean Borotra, was nicknamed the Bounding Basque. Now it's possibly time for the cliche merchants to blow the dust off that label and apply it again.

For Arconada — you'll also see it spelt the Basque way, Arkonada — is very much a man of that independent region in the north of Spain.

Born in San Sebastian, the main city of Guipuzcoa, on June 26, 1954, his beginnings, his inspiration and the launching pad to his career are all owned to the Basque region and its grand football tradition.

Know the country and know the people and the man, and you'll understand perhaps why even whispered temptations of a £100,000 annual contract to join this or that great club have failed to move him.

For a start he's never felt the hunger-or-bust ambition which has driven many fine players to quit the Basque lands for the aridity of Madrid or humidity of Barcelona. His father is a well-known businessman and Arconada — himself already the father of a son — intends to enter that world when he's finished with football.

For five years now he's been studying economics and business administration in what spare time Spain and his club, Real Sociedad of San Sebastian, have allowed. The idea of staying in football, becoming a coach, appeals not one iota — though he may feel differently, of course, when the reality of retirement is upon him. But that need not be for a decade yet.

Vizcaya, the Basque country, is famous for its goalkeepers and Arconada could well turn out to be the most brilliant of all — though he's not without competition.

Urruti at Espanol, and Artola at Barcelona both preceded him at Real Sociedad and are rivals for his Spain place.

And, as Arconada points out: "There's also been Zubiarrain at Atletico Madrid, Aguirreao now at Bilbao, Gorospe at Burgos, Irazusta and his reserve Zuveldia at Zamgoza, Timpu the No 2 at Espanol . . . plenty of us."

Remarkably Urruti, Artola and Arconada all began not only with the same league club, but in the same kids' set-up. And during the summer, when the club concerned — Lengokoak — were celebrating their 17th anniversary, officials invited all three men together for a birthday dinner.

The club play in the regional leagues, organising teams among children aged between nine and 15. The kids pay around 75p a year to belong, and most of their training and practice is organised on the beaches of the Atlantic.

Lengokoak don't make any money out of the exercise — in fact they lose it. But every now and again a teenager with the star potential emerges, and the fee — generally from Readl Sociedad — keeps the club solvent for another year.

Arconada was one such — though he also made a minor reputation for bravery with his La Salle college team. The school teams played on gravel pitches and Arconada was one of the few goalkeepers with the bravery to throw himself around.

Once, talking about his height — or lack of it, since he's 5ft 10in — Arconada said: "You don't need to be all that tall to be a goalkeeper — in fact height can be a handicap when you have to get down to the low shots. The important thing is a little bit of courage."

Playing goalkeeper on those gravel pitches was a demonstration that Arconada would have no problems here!

His progress was almost boringly straightforward. From Lengokoak he was bought by Real Scoiedad and sent on loan to their nursery team, Sanse. He was 15, played for two years in the youth section then went into the Sanse squad in the third division.

Three years there and in 1974-75 he was promoted back to rejoin Real Sociedad . . . with a long wait ahead of him.

One of the problems of Spanish football is the lack of competition to occupy reserves. Training matches are no substitute for match practice. And though clubs organise local friendlies so the second string remember what football's all about, it's an annoyingly frustrating time for young players whose ambition will never be stronger.

Arconada knew all those frustrations. Esnaola in the first team wasn't brilliant, but he was sound and consistent. And reserves Urruti and Artola had the edge over him in age and experience.

But there is a profit to be made from such an embarrassment of riches. Esnaola and Artola were sold, and when Urruti fumbled Real to defeat at Gijon towards the end of the 1974-75 season, Arconada was given his chance.

It was a Cup game, at Vigo, against Celta. Arconada did well enough to hold his place for the last five league games of the season. His chance might have come earlier but for injury. It didn't matter. Arconada has been virtually ever-present ever since.

Real Sociedad, for years a yo-yo between the top two divisions, at last promised to establish themselves as a club with a long-term future in the *Primera*. Fourth in Arconada's first, brief, season, they were placed in mid-table for the next three years before moving up to fourth in 1979, and finishing runners-up last season.

As the club progressed, so did Arconada. In 1976, under Jose Santamaria, he was chosen to keep goal for the Spanish shamateurs at the Montreal Olympics. Spain lost 2-1 to Brazil and 1-0 to eventual winners East Germany and went out at the first round stage. But the experience was an eye-opener for future internationals such as San Jose, Sanchez, Olmo, Juanito, Saura, Idogoras and . . . Arconada.

International promotion wasn't long in coming. In March the following year Kubala brought him on as second-half substitute in a 1-1 draw between Spain and Hungary in Alicante. Five more caps followed in the run-up to the World Cup and Basque pride burgeoned when Kubala listed Arconada as No 1 when squad numbers were allocated.

In the event, Spain's World Cup mission — their first in 12 years — was not far from a disaster, morale ruined by petty squabbling. Arconada didn't play a game, sitting out all three matches as substitute.

He says: "Our preparation certainly wasn't ideal, but I think some of the problems were blown up out of proportion. Our

concentration could have been better organised. And I'm not saying that after the event.

"These complaints were aired before we started playing the matches. If we'd got to the second round everyone would have been happy enough. It was a shame we didn't, for the Argentine fans. They gave us a tremendous welcome. No team apart from Argentina, had more support. We let them down.

"It wasn't a particularly high-quality World Cup. I looked carefully at all the goalkeepers and even there, though standards were reasonable enough, Hellstroem was the only one who really impressed me."

Arconada had apparently fallen further out of favour when Spain got down to the European championship in the autumn of 1978.

But, despite being overlooked — Urruti was *in* — for the tie with Yugoslavia in Zagreb, Arconada made no fuss.

"I'm surprised," he admitted, "but the national team isn't the only thing in my life. All I can do is keep playing and hoping. It's a bit like the World Cup: it was great to be chosen, but I wouldn't have got hot under the collar if I hadn't gone."

Of Spanish goalkeepers, Arconada rated Manzanedo (Valencia) and Artola (Barcelona) ahead of Miguel Angel. But when the Real Madrid man was injured it was to Arconada that Kubala turned later in the 1978-79 season, and he appears set for a long stay.

Last season was Arconada's best yet, his brilliance inspiring Real Sociedad with the confidence which brought them a record run of 32 games undefeated and within one game of the league title for the first time in their history.

In the penultimate game of the season Real Sociedad were one point clear of champions Real Madrid. Sociedad were away to Sevilla, Madrid away to Las Palmas.

"There was never any doubt whatsoever," says Arconada with deliberate emphasis, "that Madrid would win in Las Palmas. It was a stone-cold certainty. We had an advantage over Madrid, however, because we took three points off them in the league. So even if we only drew in Seville we would still be in front with one home game to go.

"What happened is history now . . ."

A goal from Argentina's Daniel Bertoni beat Sociedad, and Madrid snatched the title. Sociedad's Basque neighbours, Bilbao, tried their hardest in Chamartin to save them on the final weekend of the season. But Madrid were unbeaten at home and Bilbao were without an away win.

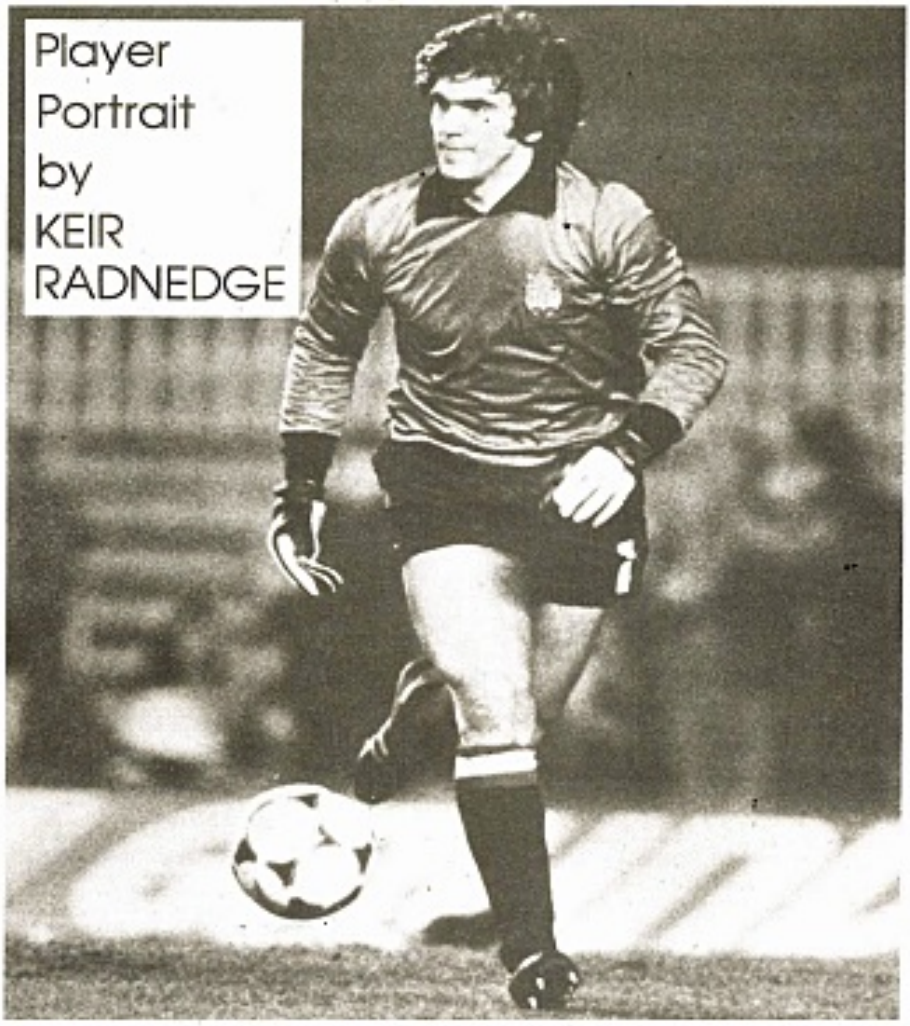
Sociedad had to settle for second place — and bitter memories of their own visit to Madrid earlier in the spring when, with six minutes left, they led the champions 2-0!

Arconada hasn't forgotten the way Madrid clawed their way level with two desperately late goals — the equaliser a Juanito penalty in injury time.

Arconada and Juanito nearly came to blows as they left the pitch. The goalkeeper — Sociedad's captain since the start of last season — recalls: "What went on in that game was scandalous. Madrid may have this big reputation, but they've no idea about how to lose graciously.

"But if anything has come out of it, it's our determination to get revenge. We've proved we can compete at top level — that we have the players to do it, and players any club in Spain would be pleased to call their own.

"A lot of things that happened towards the end of the season stuck in my throat.



Obviously you try to put these things out of your mind when it comes to playing for Spain in the European championship . . . but I can't wait for the day when we can hit back. It isn't far off!"

There were plenty of fans and reporters ready to suggest that Sociedad had just struck a lucky purple patch for one season.

But Arconada says: "We had some luck, maybe. But not always. Against Valencia we were all over them and hit the posts twice but the game still finished as a 0-0 draw.

"What luck we got we earned. We're a strong team physically, so we can play a full 90 minutes. We don't need to take rests, like some teams. We've been together several years now, we've grown up together both as men and as footballers, so we have confidence in each other. We've cut out the silly mistakes and all the sections of the team have a good understanding.

"That's more than luck."

Arconada landed the Zamora trophy last season after conceding only 20 goals in the 34 league games — but his outstandingly secure run had begun in the latter half of the previous season when he let in just 12 goals in 17 games.

His strength and suppleness he put down to his sports-mad youth. Football wasn't his only exercise. He practised the high jump, shot, discus, javelin, swimming, judo and the Basque game of fronton.

And he needed that background with the acrobatics he was called upon to perform. In truth, if Sociedad so nearly won the vital game away to Real Madrid, it was because of Arconada's first-half brilliance — the form he maintained three days later in denying England anything more than a 2-0 win in the international in Barcelona.

That friendly between two European finalists attracted attention from all over Europe. And the word quickly spread that while Spain had nothing to boast about as a team, they did have a remarkable goalkeeper.

Arconada underlined the point in the European championship. A year ago, in the UEFA Cup, he had an uncertain time of it in San Siro as Sociedad went down 3-0 to Internazionale. But on his return to Milan, to face hosts Italy in the European finals, he was security personified.

But it was England who suffered Arconada at his best, in Naples. England won 2-1 but the match will live on not for the result, but for one of the greatest pieces of goalkeeping in top-level football for a long, long time.

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03.09.80	Albania—Finland	2-0
24.09.80	Finland—Austria	0-2
19.10.80	Bulgaria—Albania	2-1
15.11.80	Austria—Albania	
03.12.80	Bulgaria—Germany	
06.12.80	Albania—Austria	
01.04.81	Albania—Germany	
29.04.81	Germany—Austria	
13.05.81	Bulgaria—Finland	
24.05.81	Finland—Germany	
28.05.81	Austria—Bulgaria	
17.06.81	Austria—Finland	
02.09.81	Finland—Albania	
23.09.81	Germany—Finland	
14.10.81	Austria—Germany	
14.10.81	Albania—Bulgaria	
11.11.81	Bulgaria—Austria	
18.11.81	Germany—Albania	
21/22.11.81	Germany—Bulgaria	

GROUP 2

DATE	GAMES	RESULTS
26.03.80	Cyprus—Eire	2-3
10.09.80	Eire—Netherlands	2-1
11.10.80	Cyprus—France	
15.10.80	Eire—Belgium	1-1
28.10.80	France—Eire	
19.11.80	Belgium—Netherlands	
19.11.80	Eire—Cyprus	
20/21.12.80	Cyprus—Belgium	
18.02.81	Belgium—Cyprus	
21/22.02.81	Netherlands—Cyprus	
25.03.81	Netherlands—France	
25.03.81	Belgium—Eire	
29.04.81	France—Belgium	
29.04.81	Cyprus—Netherlands	
09.09.81	Netherlands—Eire	
09.09.81	Belgium—France	
14.10.81	Netherlands—Belgium	
14.10.81	Eire—France	
18.11.81	France—Netherlands	
05.12.81	France—Cyprus	

GROUP 3

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
02.06.80	Iceland—Wales	0-4
03.09.80	Iceland—USSR	
24.09.80	Turkey—Iceland	1-3
15.10.80	USSR—Iceland	
15.10.80	Wales—Turkey	4-0
19.11.80	Wales—Czechoslovakia	
03.12.80	Czechoslovakia—Turkey	
25.03.81	Turkey—Wales	
15.04.81	Turkey—Czechoslovakia	
27.05.81	Czechoslovakia—Iceland	
30.05.81	Wales—USSR	
02.09.81	Iceland—Turkey	
09.09.81	Czechoslovakia—Wales	
23.09.81	USSR—Turkey	
23.09.81	Iceland—Czechoslovakia	
07.10.81	Turkey—USSR	
14.10.81?	Wales—Iceland	
28.10.81	USSR—Czechoslovakia	
28.11.81	USSR—Wales	
30.11.81	Czechoslovakia—USSR	

GROUP 4

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
10.09.80	England—Norway	4-0
24.09.80	Norway—Romania	1-1
15.10.80	Romania—England	2-1
29.10.80	Switzerland—Norway	
19.11.80	England—Switzerland	
29.04.81	England—Romania	
29.04.81	Switzerland—Hungary	
13.05.81	Hungary—Romania	
20.05.81	Norway—Hungary	
30.05.81	Switzerland—England	
03.06.81	Romania—Norway	
06.06.81	Hungary—England	
17.06.81	Norway—Switzerland	
09.09.81	Norway—England	
23.09.81	Romania—Hungary	
10.10.81	Romania—Switzerland	
14.10.81	Hungary—Switzerland	
31.10.81	Hungary—Norway	
11.11.81	Switzerland—Romania	
18.11.81	England—Hungary	

GROUP 5

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
10.09.80	Luxembourg—Yugoslavia	0-5
27.09.80	Yugoslavia—Denmark	
11/18.10.80	Luxembourg—Italy	
15.10.80	Denmark—Greece	
01.11.80	Italy—Denmark	
15.11.80	Italy—Yugoslavia	
19.11.80	Denmark—Luxembourg	
06.12.80	Greece—Italy	
28.01.81	Greece—Luxembourg	
11.03.81	Luxembourg—Greece	
01.05.81	Luxembourg—Denmark	
02.05.81	Yugoslavia—Greece	
03.06.81	Denmark—Italy	
09.09.81	Denmark—Yugoslavia	
14.10.81	Greece—Denmark	
17.10.81	Yugoslavia—Italy	
14.11.81	Italy—Greece	
21.11.81	Yugoslavia—Luxembourg	
29.11.81	Greece—Yugoslavia	
12.12.81	Italy—Luxembourg	

GROUP 6

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
26.03.80	Israel—N. Ireland	
18.06.80	Sweden—Israel	1-1
10.09.80	Sweden—Scotland	0-1
15.10.80	N. Ireland—Sweden	3-0
15.10.80	Scotland—Portugal	0-0
12.11.80	Israel—Sweden	
19.11.80	Portugal—N. Ireland	
17.12.80	Portugal—Israel	
25.02.81	Israel—Scotland	
25.03.81	Scotland—N. Ireland	
29.04.81	N. Ireland—Portugal	
29.04.81	Scotland—Israel	
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09.09.81	Scotland—Sweden	
14.10.81	Portugal—Sweden	
14.10.81	N. Ireland—Scotland	
28.10.81	Israel—Portugal	
18.11.81	N. Ireland—Israel	
18.11.81	Portugal—Scotland	

GROUP 7

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
07.12.80	Malta—Poland	
04.04.81	Malta—German D.R.	
02.05.81	Poland—German D.R.	
10.10.81	German D.R.—Poland	
11.11.81	German D.R.—Malta	
15.11.81	Poland—Malta	

CENTRAL ZONE

Formed by the following countries: Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
02.07.80	Panama—Guatemala	
30.07.80	Panama—Honduras	
10.08.80	Panama—Costa Rica	
24.08.80	Panama—El Salvador	
01.10.80	Costa Rica—Honduras	
05.10.80	El Salvador—Panama	
12.10.80	Guatemala—Costa Rica	
19.10.80	Honduras—El Salvador	
26.10.80	Honduras—Guatemala	
26.10.80	El Salvador—Costa Rica	
05.11.80	Costa Rica—Panama	
09.11.80	Guatemala—El Salvador	
16.11.80	Guatemala—Panama	
16.11.80	Honduras—Costa Rica	
23.11.80	El Salvador—Honduras	
26.11.80	Costa Rica—Guatemala	
07.12.80	Guatemala—Honduras	
10.12.80	Costa Rica—El Salvador	
14.12.80	Honduras—Panama	
21.12.80	El Salvador—Guatemala	

CARIBBEAN ZONE
SUB-GROUP A

Formed by the following countries: Guyana and Grenada.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
30.03.80	Guyana—Grenada	
13.04.80	Grenada—Guyana	
17.08.80	Cuba—Surinam	
07.09.80	Surinam—Cuba	
28.09.80	v. G/G—Surinam	
12.10.80	Surinam—v. G/G	
09.11.80	Cuba—v. G/G	
30.11.80	v. G/G—Cuba	

GROUP B

Formed by the following countries: Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago and Netherl. Antilles.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
01.08.80	Haiti—Trinidad & Tobago	
17.08.80	Trinidad & Tobago—Haiti	
21.08.80	Netherl. Antilles—Haiti	
12.09.80	Haiti—Netherl. Antilles	
09.11.80	Trinidad & Tobago—Netherl. Antilles	
30.11.80	Netherl. Antilles—Trinidad & Tobago	

ASIA AND OCEANIA (AFC-OFC)
GROUP 1

Formed by the following countries: Indonesia, Australia, Fiji Islands, New Zealand and Taiwan.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
	Indonesia—Australia	
	Indonesia—Fiji Islands	
	Indonesia—New Zealand	
	Indonesia—Taiwan	
	Australia—Indonesia	
	Australia—Fiji Islands	
	Australia—New Zealand	
	Australia—Taiwan	
	Fiji Islands—Indonesia	
	Fiji Islands—Australia	
	Fiji Islands—New Zealand	
	Fiji Islands—Taiwan	
	New Zealand—Indonesia	
	New Zealand—Australia	
	New Zealand—Fiji Islands	
	New Zealand—Taiwan	
	Taiwan—Indonesia	
	Taiwan—Australia	
	Taiwan—Fiji Islands	
	Taiwan—New Zealand	

GROUP 2

Formed by the following countries: Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
	Iraq—Syria	
	Iraq—Bahrain	
	Iraq—Qatar	
	Iraq—Saudi Arabia	
	Syria—Iraq	
	Syria—Bahrain	
	Syria—Qatar	
	Syria—Saudi Arabia	
	Bahrain—Iraq	
	Bahrain—Syria	
	Bahrain—Qatar	
	Bahrain—Saudi Arabia	
	Qatar—Iraq	
	Qatar—Syria	
	Qatar—Bahrain	
	Qatar—Saudi Arabia	
	Saudi Arabia—Iraq	
	Saudi Arabia—Syria	
	Saudi Arabia—Bahrain	
	Saudi Arabia—Qatar	

ASIA AND OCEANIA (AFC-OFC)
GROUP 3

Formed by the following countries: Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia and Korea.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
	Kuwait—Iran	
	Kuwait—Thailand	
	Kuwait—Malaysia	
	Kuwait—Korea	
	Iran—Kuwait	
	Iran—Thailand	
	Iran—Malaysia	
	Iran—Korea	
	Thailand—Kuwait	
	Thailand—Iran	
	Thailand—Malaysia	
	Thailand—Korea	
	Malaysia—Kuwait	
	Malaysia—Iran	
	Malaysia—Thailand	
	Malaysia—Korea	
	Korea—Kuwait	
	Korea—Iran	
	Korea—Thailand	
	Korea—Malaysia	

GROUP 4

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The games corresponding to this group will be held in Hong Kong from December 21 1980 till January 4 1981. The game system to be followed is still not known.

DATES	1st GAME	RESULTS
08.05.80	Libya—Gambia	
18.05.80	Ethiopia—Zambia	
31.05.80	Sierra Leone—Algeria	
29.06.80	Tunisia—Nigeria	2-0
12.07.80	Uganda—Madagascar	
22.06.80	Senegal—Morocco	0-1
	Zaire—Mozambique	3-0
29.06.80	Cameroon—Malawi	
22.06.80	Guinea—Lesotho	3-1
	Nigeria—Somalia	
	Ghana—Egypt	
	Kenya—Tanzania	

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EURO-RESULTS

CHAMPIONS' CUP
First round, first legs (September 17)

Linfield 0
Nantes 1 (Amisse 37)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 600. **Ref:** Van Ettekoven (Hol). Played at Harlem, Sept. 16.
Linfield: Dunlop — Gorrett, Doman, McKeown, Frazer — Nixon (McGaughey 64), Hayes, McKee, Parks — McCurdy, Anderson.
Nantes: Bertrand-Demanes — Bossis, Rio, Michel, Tusseau — Muller (Toure 46), Poullain, Rampillon — Agerbeck (Picot 82), Baronchelli, Amisse.

Aberdeen 1 (McGhee 31)
FK Austria 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Nyhus (Nor).
Aberdeen: Leighton — Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee, Jarvie, Scanlon.
FK Austria: Koncilia — R. Sara, Obermayer, Pospischil, Baumeister, J. Sara, Dihanich, Daxbacher, Furst, Gasselich, Schachner.

Brugge 0
Basel 1 (Maissen 64)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 21,500. **Ref:** Mathias (Aus.).
Brugge: Jensen — Ranson, Meeuws, Balint, Leekens — Kupiainen, Vandereycken, Courant — Vanwalleghem (Vandenhende 62), Filipovic, Ceulemans.
Basel: Kung — Schleiffer, Stohler, Hasler, Geisser — Maissen, Von Wartburg, Tanner — Demarmels (Schaer 78), Marti, Lauscher.

CSKA Sofia 1 (Yonchev 70)
Nottm. Forest 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (Italy).
CSKA: Velinov — Zafirov, D. Dimitrov, Vasilev, G. Dimitrov, Iliev, Yonchev, Kerimov, Djevizov, Markov, Velkov.
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Dynamo E. Berlin 3 (Terletzki 51, Trieloff 73, Schulz 87).
Apoel Nicosia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Nielsen (Den.).

Dynamo Tirana 0
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HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Zlatanos (Gr.).

Internazionale 2 (Altobelli 8 pen, 59)
Universitatea Craiova 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Stumpf (EG).
Inter: Bordon — G. Baresi, Oriali, Pasinato, Mozzini, Bini, Caso, Prohaska, Altobelli, Beccalossi, Muraro (Canuti 72).
Un. Craiova: Lung — Negrila, Tilihoi, Ungureanu, Ticleanu (Citru 69), Stefanescu, Crisan, Balaci, Camataru, Beldeanu, Georgau (Donnase 80).

Jeunesse d'esch 0
Moscow Spartak 5 (Gavrilov 1, 31, 68, Khidiatulin 43, Yartsev 84)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Renggli (Swz).
Spartak: Dassayev (Prudnikov) — Samokhin, Mirzoyan, Khidiatulin, Romantsev, Shavlo, Sorokhin (Pozdnyakov), Gavrilov, Cherenkov, Yartsev, Rodionov.

Limerick 1 (Kennedy 51)
Real Madrid 2 (Juanito 70 pen, Pineda 86)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Amundsen (Den.).
Limerick: Fitzpatrick — Nolan, Storan, O'Mahoney, Nodwell, Walsh, Hand (Meaney 64), Duggan (Morris 80), Hulme, Kennedy, Matthews.
Madrid: Miguel Angel — Perez Garcia (Navajas 79), Gallego, Benito (Pineda 20), Camacho — Angel, Garcia Hernandez, Stielike — Juanito, Cunningham, Isidro.

Olympiakos Piraeus 2 (Galakos 26, Ahlstroem 83)
Bayern Munich 4 (Dremmler 21, 64, Rummenigge 57, Kraus 68)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Palotai (Hun.).
Olympiakos: Sarganis — Kyrastas, Michos, Papadopoulos, Vamvakoulas — Kousoulakis, Persias, Nikoloudis — Galakos, Ahlstroem, Orfanos.
Bayern: Müller — Weiner, Niedermayer, Augenthaler, Horsmann — Kraus, Breitner, Dürnberger, Bremmler — Rummenigge, D. Hoeness.

OPs Oulu 1 (Puotiniemi 80)
Liverpool 1 (McDermott 15)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** R. Ericsson (Swe.).
OPs: Rantanen — Lahtinen, Puotiniemi, Heikkinen, Houtsonen, Ahonen, Jalasvaara, Kemppainen, Armstrong, Smith, Himanka.
Liverpool: Clemence — Neal, Cohen, Thompson, R. Kennedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Fairclough, McDermott, Souness.

Sporting Club 0
Honved 2 (Bodonyi 56, Nagy 82).
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel.).

Trabzonspor 2 (Sinan 35, Tuncay 59)
Szombierki Bytom 1 (Wazniewsky 86)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,000.
Trabzonspor: Senol — Turgay, Nescat, Algmet (Levent 75, Arifem 85), Hilanial — Yasar, K. Senol, Islender — Sinan, Tincaj, Cemil.
Szombierki: Surlit — Sosnieca, Mierzwiak, Fuhl, Sobol (Kwasniowski 46) — Bye, Janik, Wojtowicz (Wieczoreski 73) — Ogaza, Nagiel, Stoka.

Viking Stavanger 2 (Svendsen 30, Saeboe 50)
Red Star Belgrade 3 (Petrovic 65, Brekke own goal 77, Repcic 70)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,448. **Ref:** Ravander (Swe.).

IBV Iceland 1 (Thorleifsson 28)
Banik Ostrava 1 (Danek 42)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** McKinght (N. Ire.).

Halmstad 0
Esbjerg 0
Att: 2,581. **Ref:** Wencl (Cz).

AFRICA (CAF) FIRST ROUND

Participating countries: Tunisia, Nigeria, Uganda, Madagascar, Senegal, Morocco, Zaire, Mozambique, Cameroun, Malawi, Guinea, Lesotho, Libya, Gambia, Ethiopia, Zambia, Niger, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Algeria, Ghana, Egypt, Kenya and Tanzania.

DATES	2nd GAME	RESULTS
01.06.80	Zambia—Ethiopia	4-0
13.06.80	Algeria—Sierra Leone	3-1
12.07.80	Niger—Tunisia	
27.07.80	Madagascar—Uganda	
	Morocco—Senegal	
	Mozambique—Zaire	
	Malawi—Cameroon	
	Lesotho—Guinea	
	Gambia—Libya	
	Somalia—Nigeria	
	Egypt—Ghana	
	Tanzania—Kenya	

Countries classified for the 2nd round: Zimbabwe, Sudan, Liberia and Togo.

SOUTH AMERICA (CONMEBOL)
GROUP 1

Formed by the following countries: Brazil, Bolivia and Venezuela.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
08.01.81	Venezuela—Brazil	
15.02.81	Bolivia—Venezuela	
22.02.81	Bolivia—Brazil	
15.03.81	Venezuela—Bolivia	
22.03.81	Brazil—Bolivia	
29.03.81	Brazil—Venezuela	

GROUP 2

Formed by the following countries: Colombia, Peru and Uruguay.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
	Colombia—Peru	
	Colombia—Uruguay	
	Peru—Uruguay	
	Peru—Colombia	
	Uruguay—Colombia	
	Uruguay—Peru	

GROUP 3

Formed by the following countries: Chile, Ecuador and Paraguay.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
	Chile—Ecuador	
	Chile—Paraguay	
	Ecuador—Paraguay	
	Ecuador—Chile	
	Paraguay—Chile	
	Paraguay—Ecuador	

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA CARIBBEANS (CONCACAF) NORTHERN ZONE

Formed by the following countries: Canada, United States and Mexico.

DATES	GAMES	RESULTS
18.10.80	Canada—Mexico	
25.10.80	United States—Canada	
01.11.80	Canada—United States	
09.11.80	Mexico—United States	
16.11.80	Mexico—Canada	
22.11.80	United States—Mexico	

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

First round, first legs (September 17)

Newport 4 (Gwyther 6, Moore 7, Aldridge 66, Bruton 68)
Crusaders 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 6,285. **Ref:** Smith (Scot.). Sept. 16.
Newport: Dowler — Walden, Relish, Bruton, Oakes, Tynan, Vaughan, Lowndes, Gwyther, Aldridge, Moore.
Crusaders: McDonald — Thompson, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, Whiteside, Jess, Fellowes, Byrne, Currie, Rice.

Spora Luxembourg 0
Sparta Prague 6 (Berger 33, 44, Kotek 62, Chalana 68, Chaloupka 68, 81)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Mulder (Hol). Sept. 16.

Slavia Sofia 3 (Tsvetkov 55 pen, Velichkov 7 and 86)
Legia 1 (Miloszewicz 38).
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Veverka (Cz.). Sept. 16.

Castilla 3 (Paco 64, Balin 71, Cidon 76)
West Ham 1 (Cross 17)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Desmer (Fr.).
Castilla: Miguel — Juanito (Chendo 63), Salguero, Espinosa, Casimiro — Alvarez, Sanchez Lorenzo, Bernal — Balin, Paco, Cidon (Blanco 82)
West Ham: Parkes — Stewart, Martin, Bonds, Lampard — Pike, Brooking, Devonshire (Brush 86) — Morgan (Barnes 73), Cross, Goddard.

Celtic 2 (Nicholas 18, 41)
Politechnia Timisoara 1 (Adrian 78)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Geurds (Hol.).
Celtic: Bonnar — Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey, Burns, Nichols.
Timisoara: Moise — Nadu, Paltinisan, Visan, Sunda, Serbanoiu, Cotec, Adrian, Nedelcu, Dumitru, Titi.

Dynamo Zagreb 0
Benfica 0
Att: 52,500. **Ref:** Brunnemayer (Aus.).

Fortuna D'dorf 5 (Köhnen 28, 62, Wenzel 43, K. Allofs 78, Theis 89)
Austria-Salzburg 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Konrath (Fr.).
Fortuna: Daniel — Weikl, Zewe, Theis, Wirtz — Dommer, Köhnen, Wenzel (Dusend 81) — Thomas Allofs, Klaus Allofs, Seel.
Aus. Salzburg: Rettensteiner (Berger 77) — Kronsteiner, Winklbauer, Roos, Pirnus — Ollerer, Schulze, Lainer, Breitenberger — Schildt, Gross (Haarby 69).

Hibernians Malta 1 (Paul Xuereb 62)
Waterford 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Menegali (It.).

Ilves Tampere 1 (Uimonen 9)
Feyenoord 3 (Notten 37 pen, Van Deinsen 52, and Troost 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Stupar (R).

Hvidovre 1 (Steen Hansen 22 pen)
Fram Reykjavik 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,636. **Ref:** U. Ericsson (Swe.).

Kastoria 0
Dynamo Tbilisi 0
Att: 17,500. **Ref:** Mircha (Rum.).

Malmo 1 (McKinnon 63)
Partizani Tirana 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,112. **Ref:** Delmer (Fr.).

Omonia Nicosia 1 (Kanaris 63)
Waterschei 3 (Van Pouche 17, Janssen 66, Meds 81)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Yossifov (Bul.).

Roma 3 (Pruzzo 5, Ancelotti 28, Falcao 72)
Carl Zeiss Jena 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Doudine (Bul.).
Roma: Tancredi — Spinosi, Maggiora, Turone, Falcao, Romano, B. Conti (Sorbi 64), Di Bartolomei, Pruzzo (Scarnecchia 78), Benetti, Ancelotti.
Jena: Grapenthin — Kurbjuweit, Schilling, Weise, Schnuphase, Lindemann (Sengewald 53), Toepfer, Krause, Raab (Trocha 70), Hoppe, Vogel.

Sion 1 (Brigger 64)
Haugar 1 (Osborne 43)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Peeters (Bel.).
Sion: Pittier — Isoz, Balet, Geiger, Valentini — Perrier (Saunier 85), Richard, Bregy, Cernicky — Brigger, Luisier.
Haugar: Schiffo — Vikanes, Burnett, Sorensen, Hestvik (Solberg 46) — Heimdal (Undahl 70), Straume, Foleide, Christoffersen, Nilsen, Osborne.

Valencia 2 (Kempes 64, Morena 89 pen)
Monaco 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Lin (WG). Sent off: Solsona (V.) 87.
Valencia: Pereira — Arias, Tendillo, Botubot, Castellanos — Saura, Solsona, Kempes (Villarosa 69) — Felman, Morena, Pablo (Subiats 53).
Monaco: Ettori — Zorzetto, Perais, Courbis, Puel — Christophe, Petit, Barberis — Couriol, V. Trossero, Ricort (Emon 57).

UEFA CUP

First round, first legs (September 17)

AZ Alkmaar 6 (Hovenkamp 30, Nygaard 37, Peters 44, 47, Welzl 59, Tol 85)
Red Boys Differdange 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Verhaeghe (Bel.).

IA Akranes 0
Köln 4 (Kroth 50, Littbarski 59, Müller 77, Strack 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Haughley (NI). Sept. 16.
Akranes: Sigurdsson — Halldorsson, Pordarson, Gunnlaugsson, Askelsson — Ingolfsson, Olgeirsson, Bjornsson, Tryggvason — Ormarsson, Sveinsson (Helgasson).
Köln: Schumacher — Prestin, Gerber, Strack, Kroth — Bonhof (Cullmann 38), Hotteron, Woodcock, Engels — Littbarski, Müller.

Sliema W 0
Barcelona 2 (Canito 26, Landaburu 59)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Lattanzi (It.). Sept. 16.
Sliema: Sciberras — Losec, Buckingham, M. Schembri, Camilleri, Aquilina, Fabbri, Vella, Azzopardi (Cariana 85), E. Schembri, Pandolfi.
Barcelona: Artola — Estella, Canito, Olmo, Martinez, Sanchez (Pedraza 72), Rexach, Landaburu, Ramirez, Esteban, Carrasco (Manolo 78).

Ujpest Doza 1 (Kardos 66)
Real Sociedad 1 (Alonso 78)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Goksel (Turk.). Sept. 16.
Ujpest: Rothermel — Viczko, Kovacs, Kardos, Jurasik — Kolar (Kiss 80), Dunai, A. Toth — Heredi (Nagy 46), Torocsik, Fekete.
Real Sociedad: Arconada — Celayeta, Gajate, Cortabarria, Olazaiola — Diego, Alonso, Zamora — Idigoras (Gorriz 89), Satrustegui, Uralde (Lopez Ufarte 55).

Argeş Piteşti 0
Utrecht 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Carpenter (RI). (Radu II pen miss for Ap, 89th).

Ballymena 2 (McTuiston 47, Sloan 54)
Vorwaerts/Frankfurt 1 (Geyer 4)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Bastion (Lux.).
Ballymena: White — Beattie, Worthington, Fox, McCullough, McCall, Bell, Sloan, McTuiston, Malone, G. Mullan.
Vorwaerts: Wienhold — Probst, Hause, Geyer, Schuth, Jarmuskiewicz, Andrich (Krautzig 72), Theuerkon, Otto, Conrad, Pietsch.

Bohemians Praha 3 (Bicovsky 15, 66, Levy 77)
Gijon 1 (Ferrero 72)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Di Bernardo (F). (Levy (B) pen miss 54th).
Bohemians: Hruska — Roubicek, Prokes, Ondra, Jakubek — Bicovsky, Vybiral, Koukal (Postulka 76) — Cermak, Levy, Micinec.
Gijon: Castro — Redondo, Maceda, Jimenez, Cundi — Uria, Joaquin, Mesa, Cirlaco — Aguilar (Abel 46), Ferrero.

Dresen 1 (Weber 67)
Napredak 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 27,000.

Elfsborg 1 (Nilsson 16)
St Mirren 2 (Somner 43, Abercromby 80)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,776. **Ref:** Laasko (Fin.).
Elfsborg: Svensson — Maalberg, Johansson, I. Svensson, Kvist — Andersen, Ahlstroem, T. Johansson — Klarstroem, Gustafsson, Nilsson.
St. Mirren: Thomson — Young, McCormack, Copland, Beckett — Richardson, Stark, Abercromby — McDougall, Somner, Weir.

Grasshoppers 3 (Meyer 20 pen, 53 pen, 55)
BK Copenhagen 1 (Eigenbrod 67)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,200. **Ref:** Prokop (EG).
Grasshoppers: Berbig — Herbert Hermann, Mayer, Egli, Wehrli — Heinz Hermann, Pfister, Koller (Zanetti 46), Schällibaum (Lauper 59) — Sengör, Sulser.
Copenhagen: Yvist — Eigenbrod, Tune, Busk, Fosgaard — Hansen, Windfeld, Rössel, Noerregaard — Aabech (Pedersen 61), Andersen.

Hamburg 4 (Kaltz 32, Hrubesch 42, 44, Hartwig 89)
Sarajevo 2 (Susic 8 and 73)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Thomas (Wales). (Expulsions of Radelyas 36, Hadibegic 78, Milak 82 — all Sarajevo).
Hamburg: Stein — Kaltz, Hieronymus (Milewski 78), Bulgan, Jakobs — Groh, Memering, Magath — Reimann, Hrubesch, Dressel (Hartwig 72).
Sarajevo: Janus — Radelyas, Rajkovic, Serhatovic, Lucic — Vidakuvic, Merdanovic (Milak 56), Kapetanovic, Hadibegic — Susic, Pasic.

Ipswich 5 (Wark 12 pen, 15, 29 pen, 80 pen, Mariner 61) **Aris Salonika 1** (Pallas 48 pen)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 20,842. **Ref:** Garrido (Port) — (Firos sent off, 37th).
Ipswich: Cooper — Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren (Beattie), Mariner, Gates, Brazil (O'Callaghan).
Aris: Pantzarias — Mokalis, Venos, Firos, Kouis, Zindros, Balis, Tsirimokis (Drambis), Semertzidis, Zelidis.

Juventus 4 (Scirea 5, Verza 19, Bettega 38, Cabrini 41 pen)
Panathinaikos 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Eschweiler (WG) — Karalias sent off)
Juventus: Zoff — Cuccureddu, Gentile, Scirea, Cabrini — Furino, Verza, Brady (Prandelli 58) — Causio, Bettega, Fanna.
Panathinaikos: Konstantinou — Ziakos, Karulias, Kapsis, Kovis, Livanthinos, Terzanidis, Katsiakos (Andreucchi 65), Antoniadis (Bistakis 61), Delikaris, Doru-Nicolae.

Kaiserslautern 1 (Funkel 18)
Anderlecht 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Christoph (Cz).
Kaiserslautern: Hellstroem — Eigendorf, Neues, Briegel, Dusek — Melzer, Riedl (Meyer 74), Bongartz — Pirrung (Brummer 83), Geye, Funkel.
Anderlecht: Munaron — Broos, Peruzovic (Taspers 49), Dusbaba, De Groote — Vercauteren, Olsen, Haan, Coeck — Nielsen, Larsen (Martens 79).

Dynamo Kiev 1 (Buryak 38 pen)
Levsky Spartak 1 (Spasov 26)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz).
Kiev: Romenski — Konkov, Bolko (Baltacha 46), Zhuravlev, Demianenko, Lozinsky, Buryak (Kaplin 72), Evtushenko, Besonov, Veremeyev, Blokhin.
Levsky: Staikov (Delchev 23) — Nikolov, Balevsky, Aladjov, Grancharov, Kechev, Gochev, Spasov, Jordanov (Barzov 69), Panov, K. Borisov.

Kuopion Palloseura 0
St-Etienne 7 (Paganelli 34, 64, Hyvarinen own goal 45, Platini 48, 74, Roussey 79, Janvion 81)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 5,580. **Ref:** Bjornestadt.
Kuopio: Julkunen — Suhonen (Kempinen 67), Vepsalainen, Hyvarinen, Pellikka — Koponen, Sarnola, Ulkonen — Risainen (Kinnunen 55), Rissanen, Turunen.
St-Etienne: Castaneda — Battiston, Gardon, Lopez, Jaovion — Santini, Larios, Platini — Paganelli, Roussey, Rep.

Linz ASK 1 (Krieger 56)
Radnicki Nis 2 (Stojikovic 45, Pantelic 64 pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 9,500.

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Lokeren 1 (Verheyen 85 pen)
Moscow Dynamo 1 (Gazzayev 34)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Lambert (Fr).
Lokeren: Hoogenboom — Ingels, Snelders, Verbruggen, De Schrijver, Larsen, Verheyen, Somers, Lubanski (Van Cauter 82), Mommens, Lato.
Moscow Dynamo: Pilgui — Novikov, Bubnov, Nikulin, Tolstikh, Minaev, Maksimenkov, Petrushin, Matyenin (Moiseyev 85), Resnik, V. Gazzayev.

Magdeburg 2 (Hoffmann 36, Pommerenke 76 pen)
Moss 1 (Henriksen 85)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Dochev (Bul).

Man. United 1 (McIlroy 4)
Widzew Lodz 1 (Surlit 5)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 38,037. **Ref:** Scheurell (EG)
Man. Utd: Bailey — Nicholl (Duxbury 46), Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Buchan, Grimes, Greenhoff, Coppell, Macari, Thomas.
Widzew: Mlynarczyk — Plich, Mozejko, Grebosz, Zmuda, Tlokinski, Piata, Surlit, Boniek, Rozborski, Smolarek.

Porto 1 (Souza 16)
Dundalk 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Soriano Aladren (Sp).
PSV Eindhoven 3 (Brandts 34, Van Kraay 67, Van der Kuylen 75 pen)
Wolves 1 (Gray 48)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG).
PSV: Doesburg — Wildschut, Van Kraay, Brandts, Stevens, Koster, Yung Moog Hug, W. Van der Kerkhof, Maybank, Valke, Van der Kuylen (Jannse).
Wolves: Bradshaw — Palmer, Parkin (Brazier), Thomas, Hughes, Berry, Villazan, Carr, Gray, Richards (Clarke), Eves.

RWD Molenbeek 1 (De Wolf 42)
Torino 2 (Mariani 61, Graziani 68)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,500. **Ref:** Partridge (Eng).
RWD: Ruiter — De Vriese, Martens, De Bolle, De Wolf, Dessayere, Luyckx, Boskamp, Jansen, Dardenne (Kneudt 80), De Kip.
Torino: Terraneo — Volpati, Cuttone, P Sala, Danova, Salvadori, D'Amico, Pecci, Graziani, Sclosa, Mariani.

Shakhtor Donetsk 1 (Starukhin 23 pen)
Eintracht Frankfurt 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Courtney (Engl.
Shakhtor: Chanov — Varnavski, Gorbunov, Kondratov, Pianich — Rudakov (Radenko 57), Rogovsky, Sokolovsky — Starukhin, Fedorenko (Maly 66).
Frankfurt: Funk — Sziedat, Neubeger, Körbel, Trapp — Lorant, Blättel (Schaub 71), Holzenbein, Lottermann, Borchers — Hönnscheidt, (Gruber 66).

Slask Wroclaw 0
Dundee Utd 0
Att: 10,000. **Ref:** Thime (Nor).
Slask: Kostzrewa — Sobiesizk, Kowlczyk, Matys, Garlowski, Faber, Pawlowsky, Woglicki, Szarpk, Pakala, Nocko.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine — Stark, Kopel, Kirkwood, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Payne, Smith, Dodds.

Sochaux 2 (Jeskowiak 39, Ivezic 69 pen)
Servette 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Miguel Perez (Sp).
Sochaux: Rust — Posca, Djadoui, Ruty, Bezaz — Ivezic, Anziani, Genghini — Jeskowiak, Stopyra (Bonnevay 60), Revelli.
Servette: Milani — Valentini, Guyot, Coutaz, Bizzini — Schnyder, Butoit, Zwygart (Rasmussen 72), Mustapha — Matthey, Cucinotta.

Standard Liege 1 (Dardenne 35)
Steaua Bucharest 1 (Radacanu 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 23,500. **Ref:** Sanchez Arminio (Sp).
Stuttgart 6 (Klotz 10, 11, 86, All gower 39, 48, Kelsch 25)
Pezoporikos Larnaca 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 13,500. **Ref:** Casha (Malta).
Stuttgart 6 (Klotz 10, 11, 86, Allgower 39, 48, K-H. Förster, Schäfer — D. Förster, Ohlicher, Allgöwer — Kelsch, Klotz, Schmider.

Pezoporikos: Kiriakides — Antoniou, Constandinou, Kouis, Pastellides — Damianou, Christodoulou, Antoniades — P. Theophanous (Kouannas 46), Kasparis, T. Theophanous.

Twenty Enschede 5 (Bos 21, Carlsson own goal 39, Kila 55, 89, Jol 74)
IFK Gothenburg 1(Nilsson 58)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Bergamo (It).

Vasas 0
Poavista 2 (Eliseu 7, Julio 43)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 5,000.

Zbrojovka Brno 3 (Kroupa 15, Mikulicka 17, Mazura 75)
VOEST Linz 1 (Haider 9)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe).
Brno: Hron — Mazura (Homola 76), Vaclavicek, Dvorak, Petrytl — Svoboda (Kotasek 71), Homy, Dosek — Janecka, Kroupa, Mikulicka.
VOEST: Fuchsbichler — Ulmer, Gert, Gögh, Bauer — Wartinger, Mertel, Schill — Haider, Parits, Hagmayer.

Fenerbahce 0
Beroe Stara Zagora 1 (Peyev 35)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Milchenko (R).

SEPTEMBER 3

Tirana — World Cup European qual group one
Albania 2 (Braho 2, Baci 17)
Finland 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 30,000.

Albania made a winning start to their World Cup campaign despite finishing the match with 10 men and missing a penalty. The expulsion came 10 minutes from time when midfielder Marko was sent off for a bad foul on Finland's best forward, Dahlund. Then, two minutes from time, goalkeeper Isoaho stopped a Ragami penalty and diverted the shot on the rebound for a corner.

Albania had made sure of the two points early on with goals from Braho and Baci.

Reykjavik — World Cup European qual group three
Iceland 1 (Sveinsson 74)
Russia 2 (Gavrilov 36, Andreyev 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Donnelly (Ire).
Iceland: Bjarnasson — Gudmundsson, Sveinsson, Thorbjornsson, Bergs — Geirsson, Halldorsson, Orsmlev — Gretarsson, Oskarsson, Thorleifsson.
Russia: Dassayev — Chivadse, Khidiatulin, Romantsev, Beasonov, Schavlo, Gavrilov, Andreyev, Buryak (Sulakvelidze), Oganessian, Blokhin (Rodionov 87).

Another penalty miss — this time in the 20th minute by Leonid Buryak — couldn't prevent Russia starting with a victory. But they struggled for much of the match to assert their superiority.

The Icelanders looked set for a draw after Arne Sveinsson's equaliser. But Andreyev quickly replied with the winner. There was an odd incident a few minutes afterwards when the Russians' attempt to replace injured Oleg Blokhin had to be delayed because the substitute's studs were not to the liking of the referee.

SEPTEMBER 10

Dublin — World Cup European qual group two
Rep. Ireland 2 (Daly 78, Lawrenson 84)
Holland 1 (Tahamata 57)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref.** Lund-Sorensen (Den).
Rep. Ireland: Peyton — Langan, D. O'Leary, P. O'Leary, Hughton, Lawrenson, Daly, Grealish, Brady, Stapleton, Given.
Holland: Hiele — Wijnstekers, Spelbos, Van der Korput (Metgod 46), Brandts — Thijssen, Schoenaker (W. Van der Kerkhof 64), Peters (of Alkmaar) — Van Deinsen, Van Mierlo, Tahamata.

Dutch boss Jan Zwartkruis threw a new-look team into the first fixture of the season, with only Ernie Brandts surviving in the original line-up from the 1978 World Cup Final team.

With no Krol, Haan, Rep, Rensenbrink and Co. the Dutch lost not only a lot of experience but a lot of confidence, and they struggled to hang on much of the time. In the 14th minute the Irish had a let-off when Thijssen deflected a shot from Dutch skipper Jan Peters against the bar, but it was a surprise when Holland eventually went ahead.

Van Mierlo ran a ball away from the diving Peyton and Simon Tahamata had only to tap the ball to put Holland ahead.

The Irish had come close beforehand, when Thijssen cleared off the line from Gerry Daly. But there was no saving clearance in the 78th minute when Liam Brady and Grealish put Daly clear to score.

Six more minutes and Brighton's Mark Lawrenson grabbed the winner with a flying header from a Brady free kick.

Wembley — World Cup European qual group four
England 4 (McDermott 37, 75 pen, Woodcock 68, Mariner 85)
Norway 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 48,200. **Ref:** Van Langehove (Bel).
England: Shilton — Anderson, Sansom, Thompson, Watson, Robson, Gates, McDermott, Mariner, Woodcock, Rix.
Norway: T. Jacobsen — Berntsen, Kordahl, Aas, Groendalen, Albertsen, Hareide, Dokken, Larsen-Okland, P. Jacobsen, Erlandsen (Ottesen).

England, with a much-reshaped side — partly through force of circumstance such as Kevin Keegan's injury — struggled to put their game together. But a 4-0 win leaves little to doubt their extra qualities.

Eric Gates and Graham Rix were new faces for a comparatively poor Wembley crowd to consider. But it was old hands such as Terry McDermott, Tony Woodcock and the in-and-out Paul Mariner who grabbed the goals.

First McDermott connected with a remarkable floating volley to a Rix free kick to give England an interval lead. Then Woodcock made it two after Mariner won the ball in the air, before Mariner was fouled by Aas for a penalty converted by McDermott. Mariner completed the scoring with a powerful solo goal.

Early on the Norwegians had given Peter Shilton some anxious moments — particularly one header from Hareide — but as England manager Ron Greenwood said: "Most countries would love to start with a four-goal win in the World Cup."

Luxembourg — World Cup European qual group five
Luxembourg 0
Yugoslavia 5 (Susic 50, Zlatko Vujovic 64, 79, Petrovic 69, Buljan 89)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Latzin (Aus).
Luxembourg: Moes — Girres, Zuang, Dax (Brossi 72), Meunier — Wagner (Hoscheid 83), Dresch, Di Domenico — Weis, Langers, Reiter.
Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Zoran Vujovic (Gudelj 85), Klincarski, Buljan, Jovanovic — Sljivo, Petrovic, Sestic (Surjak 85) — Zlatko Vujovic, Susic, Secerbegovic.

Easy for Yugoslavia as they began their World Cup campaign with a win, throwing off the upset of the recent Balkan Cup defeat by Rumania.

A rain-swept game saw Luxembourg — who impressed watching Italian boss Enzo Bearzot — hold their own until the interval. But the Slavs' superior fitness and skill soon told after the break. They had hit the post through Vladimir Petrovic as early as the second minute and eventually went ahead with a Safet Susic solo.

Zlatko Vujovic — one of the twins — made it 2-0 with the help of defender Hubert Meunier, and after that Petrovic, Zlatko Vujovic again and Hamburg defender Ivan Buljan wrapped up the scoring.

Yugoslavia had also recalled Manchester United's ex-Red STar defender Nikki Jovanovic.

Stockholm/Solna — World Cup European qual group six
Sweden 0
Scotland 1 (Strachan 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 39,831. **Ref:** Wohrer (Aus).
Sweden: Hellstroem — J. Gustavsson, Borg, Bild, Arvidsson — Erlandsson (P. Nilsson 80), Ramberg, Nordgen — T. Nilsson, Sjoeberg, Ohlsson.
Scotland: Rough — McGrain, McLeish, Hansen, F. Gray — Miller, Strachan, Gemmill — Dalglish (Archibald 90), A. Gray, Robertson.

Gordon Strachan's first goal for Scotland — created by the veteran feet of Archie Gemmill — gave Jock Stein a welcome break after a year of international uncertainty.

The Scots didn't play particularly well but the Swedes, having dropped a home point to Israel, were even less impressive. In the eighth minute Kenny Dalglish could have made it 1-0 to Scotland, while Thomas Sjoberg was narrowly off target with a header at the other end.

Alan Rough touched a Nilsson drive onto a post and the Swedes might have had a second-half penalty when McGrain appeared to obstruct Sjoberg.

However the Scots fought strongly. Willie Miller, Aberdeen's captain, played forthrightly in midfield and apart from Strachan's goal Scotland might have been rewarded with a penalty of their own when Andy Gray was pushed as he leapt for a Robertson cross.

Basle — friendly
Switzerland 2 (Pfister 82, Botteron 85 pen)
W. Germany 3 (Müller 18, 70, Magath 67)
HT: 0-1. Att: 32,000. Ref: Agnolin (It).

Switzerland: Engel (Berbig 46) — Wehrli, Stohler, Lüdi, Balet — Heinz Hermann, Maissen, Tanner, Botteron — Pfister, Sulser (Ponte 46).

W. Germany: Schumacher — Kaltz, K-H. Förster, Schuster, Dietz — Briegel, Magath, H. Müller — Rummenigge, Hrubesch, K. Allofs.

The European Champions — only Uli Stielike, fuming in Madrid, was missing — would have won 3-0 had they not repeated that fault of easing up in the last 10 minutes.

With Schuster, unsettled at Köln but happy enough in the international arena, at sweeper, they went ahead with a Hansi Müller first half header. Magath headed a second after the interval, and then Müller grabbed a third before the Swiss found their feet.

A defensive mix-up gave Joko Pfister their first goal, with the second — Rene Botteron's penalty — following a Magath trip on Hermann.

Varna — friendly
Bulgaria 1 (Tsvetkov 67)
Rumania 2 (Iordanescu 17, Camataru 81)
HT: 0-1. Att: 15,000.

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Izmir — World Cup European qual group three
Turkey 1 (Fatih 72 pen)
Iceland 3 (Gudlaugsson 12, Gudmundsson 60, Thordarsson 80)
HT: 0-1. Att: 20,000.

Turkey: Senol — Turgay, Erol, Fatih, Cem, Sedat, S. Mustafa (Volkan), Serdar, Necdet, Sadullah (Ayhan), B.Mustafa.

Iceland: Bjarnason — Halldorsson, P. Haraldsson, S. Haraldsson, Geirsson, Gudlaugsson, Gudmundsson, A. Edvaldsson, Thordarson, Sigurvinsson, Thorbjornsson (Gretarsson).

A remarkable win for Iceland which will have delighted Wales, Russia and Czechoslovakia. The Turks — with more important political matters on their mind, perhaps — suffered from appalling finishing. They created a string of chances but wasted them all and in the 12th minute midfielder Janus Gudlaugsson shot Iceland into a shock lead.

Albert Gudmundsson scored another scorcher on the hour, but there was brief hope for the Turks in the 72nd minute when a brilliant 60-yard dash by Cem was ended by a foul and Fatih scored from the penalty — despite miskicking his shot.

The Turks pushed forward still further and left a decisive gap at the back which Thordarsson sprinted through. Goalkeeper Senol parried his first shot, but Thordarsson put away the rebound.

Oslo — World Cup European qual group four
Norway 1 (Hareide 20)
Rumania 1 (Iordanescu 10)
HT: 1-1. Att: 23,000. Ref: Kirschen (EG).

Norway: T. R. Jacobsen — Berntsen, Aas, Kordahl, Groendalen, Hareide, Ottesen, Dokken, Larsen-Oekland, P. Jacobsen, Thoresen.

Rumania: Iordache — Negrila, Munteanu, Sames, Stefanescu (Nicolae 62), Beldeanu, Crisan, Iordanescu, Camataru, Ticleanu (Balaci 67), Marcel Radacanu.

It suited England manager Ron Greenwood well to see rivals sharing points. Rumania had gone ahead when Anghel Iordanescu seized on a bad pass from Rune Ottesen. But Norway fought back and drew level with a fine diving header from Aage Hareide after a cross by Berntsen.

The Rumanian defence looked extremely shaky at times, but they managed to survive, even though in the closing stages Norway came desperately close. Larsen-Oekland, Dokken and Hareide were so nearly celebrating — Hareide even seeing a header strike the bar.

Helsinki — World Cup European qual group one
Finland 0
Austria 2 (Jara 14, Welzl 77)
HT: 0-1. Att: 8,099.

Austria looked uncomfortable in victory as the Finns slipped to their third successive defeat of this World Cup. Kurt Jara scored the first goal after a defensive blunder, and substitute Kurt Welzl grabbed a late second for insurance after another 13 minutes from time, with goalkeeper Isohalo stranded.

Considering Austrian manager Karl Stotz had men such as Hans Krankl (Barcelona), Walter Schachner (FK Austria), Bruno Pezzey (Eintracht Frankfurt) and Herbert Prohaska (Inter-Milan) at his disposal, they should have won far more easily.

Burgas — friendly
Bulgaria 2 (Tsvetkov 32, Djevizov 49)
Sweden 3 (Ramberg 70, Ohlsson 73, Holmgren 85)
HT: 1-0. Att: 12,000. Ref: Gyoksel (Turk).

Bulgaria: Donev — Ilchev, B. Dimitrov, Blangev, G. Dimitrov, Slavkov, Kostadinov (Iliev), Marjov, Djevizov (Velitchkov), Zheliazkov, Tsvetkov.

Sweden: Moeller — Fredriksson, Arvidsson, Boersson, Gustavsson, Holmgren, Ramberg, P. Nilsson, T. Nilsson, Sjoberg, Larsson. Sub: Ohlsson.

Sweden hit back remarkably in the last 20 minutes to turn a 2-0 defeat into a 3-2 victory. The Bulgarians perhaps relaxed, but it was interesting that the Swedes showed such spirit when without their "star" exiles.

Budapest — friendly
Hungary 2 (Kiss 10, Bodonyi 47)
Spain 2 (Juanito 3, Satrustegui 65)
HT: 1-1. Att: 10,000. Ref: Marjo (Cz).

Hungary: Katzirz — Paroczai, Balint, Kereki, Varga, Pasztor, Nyilasi, Dajka, Bodonyi, Kiss, Nagy (Pelesei 10).

Spain: Arconada — Calayeta, Migueli, Alesanco, Gordillo — Joaquin, Alonso, Zamora — Moran (Dani 60), Satrustegui, Juanito.

Neither side were impressive. Juanito — the only Real Madrid man in Spain's team — scored a neat first goal, which Kiss soon equalised. Csongradi gave Bodonyi the chance to put Hungary ahead in the second half, but Satrustegui equalised with a solo effort. Hungary have yet to beat Spain in six meetings.

Genoa — friendly
Italy 3 (Altobelli 63, 80, Graziani 88)
Portugal 1 (Jordao 64)
HT: 0-0. Att: 30,000.

Italy: Zoff (Bordon 46) — Gentile, Collovati, Scirea, Cabrini — Zaccarelli (F. Baresi 46), Tardelli, Antognoni — Causio (Altobelli 46), Graziani, Bettega.

Portugal: Bento — Gabriel, Laranjeira, Eurico, Gregorio, Rodolfo, Manuel, Fernandes, Jordao, Alves, Chalana.

Two-goal substitute Alessandro Altobelli was Italy's hero after appearing at half-time in place of Franco Causio. There had been no score in the first half but after Altobelli put Italy in front, the Portuguese — Scotland's World Cup rivals next month — hit back quickly through Jordao.

Goalkeeper Ivano Bordon, a half-time substitute for Dino Zoff, was perhaps to blame for the Portugal goal. But his Internazionale colleague Altobelli restored Italy's lead 10 minutes from time, and Francesco Graziani made sure just before the end.

Italy's star was Giancarlo Antognoni in midfield, while Enzo Bearzot introduced the brilliant Milan youngster, Franco Baresi, for his first cap as substitute in place of Zaccarelli.

Chorzow — friendly
Poland 1 (Lubanski 40)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Nehoda 30)
HT: 1-1. Att: 60,000.

Very appropriate that Wlodek Lubanski — who plays for Lokeren in Belgium — should score the Poles' equaliser, since the game had been turned into his international farewell to help draw more fans to the 100,000 Silesia stadium where he achieved so many of his triumphs — including the goals which started England's 1974 World Cup rot.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP — **Group one: September 23** (Kuopio): Finland 1 (Turinen 50), Austria 2 (Wohlfart 42, 44). **Group six: September 9** (Degerfors, 2,140): Sweden 2 (Sandberg 45, Nilsson 62), Scotland 0. **Group seven: September 24** (Flekkefjord): Norway 0, Poland 1 (Pekala 1).

OTHER INTERNATIONALS — **September 3** (Paris): France 1 (Zimako), Juventus 0. **September 8** (Malmo): Malmo 2 (Cervin 2), Austria 1 (Welzl pen). **September 9** (Lucerne): Switzerland B 2 (Luethi 72, Schoenenberger 81), West Germany B 0. (Hall): Austria U21 0, Switzerland U21 2 (Zwicker 42, Koller 70). (Southampton, 6,973): England U21 3 (Eggan og 16, Goddard 31, 37), Norway U21 0. (Dordrecht, 800): Holland U21 0, Wales U21 2 (Lowndes 6, Rush 64). **September 25** (Bautzen): E. Germany B 2, Poland B 2.

CUP OF THE ALPS — **Final: September 19** (Bordeaux): Bordeaux 3 (Giresse 12, 57, Gemmrich 41), Nimes 0.

SOUTH AMERICA

AUGUST 21

Uruguay 0
Chile 0

Uruguay: Rodriguez, Diogo (Moreira), Olivera, De Leon, Gonzalez, Barrios, Agresta (Krasowski), Luzardo, Vargas (Bueno), Acevedo, Ramos.

Chile: Wirth, Rojas, Vargas, Galica, Igorra Bonvalet, Soto, Dubo, Rivas, Caszely, Yanez.

Ref: Teodoro Nitti (Argentina). **Att:** 7,000.

(Chile won Pintos Duran Cup on 2-1 aggregate.)

AUGUST 27

Brazil (0) 1 (Getulio pen)
Uruguay 0

Brazil: Carlos, Getulio, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Batista, Pita, Renato, Tita, Socrates, Ze Sergio.

Uruguay: Rodriguez, Moreira, Oliveira, De Leon, Diogo, Agresta, Barrios, De la Pena, Vargas, Victorino, Ramos.

Ref: Luis Felix (Brazil). **Att:** 100,000 (in Brasilia).

AUGUST 26
(Paz del Chaco Cup, 1st leg)

Bolivia 1
Paraguay 1

AUGUST 28
(Paz del Chaco Cup — 2nd leg: Paraguay won 4-2 on aggregate)

Bolivia 1 (Aguilar)
Paraguay 3 (Florentin, Issasi, Michelagnoli)

WORLD CUP 1982
Qualifying competitions

CENTRAL AMERICAN ZONE

Caribbean Group

Guyana 5, Grenada 2 (March 30); Grenada 2, Guyana 3 (April 13) — Guyana qualify on 8-4 aggregate for group matches with Cuba and Surinam; Surinam 0, Cuba 0 (September 7). Standings: 1. Cuba 2 games/3 pts; 2. Surinam 2/1; (Guyana 0/0).

Central American Group

Panama 1, El Salvador 3 (August 24).

League Tables

ARGENTINA: First Division (final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate	36	20	11	5	64	33	51
Argentinos Juniors	36	13	16	7	57	48	42
Talleres Cordoba	36	12	17	7	58	43	41
Platense	36	12	17	7	36	30	41
Union de Santa Fe	36	16	7	13	49	44	39
Newell's Old Boys	36	12	14	10	54	35	38
Boca Juniors	36	12	14	10	43	47	38
Huracan	36	11	15	10	58	50	37
Rosario Central	36	11	15	10	43	41	37
Colon de Santa Fe	36	13	10	13	41	49	36
Racing Club	36	9	18	9	35	34	36
Estudiantes de La Plata	36	10	16	10	34	43	36
Ferro Carril Oeste	36	11	13	12	55	50	35
Independiente	36	11	13	12	45	49	35
Velez Sarsfield	36	11	13	12	35	42	35
San Lorenzo	36	9	15	12	39	43	33
Quilmes	36	6	18	12	37	44	30
All Boys	36	3	17	16	29	56	23
Tigre	36	5	11	20	38	69	21

(Bottom three relegated)

Leading scorers: 25 — Maradona (Argentinos Juniors); 21 — Sanabria (Huracan); 18 — Aparicio (FC Oeste); 15 — Bravo (Talleres), Paruzzo (Tigre).

PERU: National Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Cristal	21	12	8	1	41	16	32
Asoc. Deportiva Tarma	21	10	9	2	29	20	29
Atletico Torino	21	10	7	4	35	16	27
Alianza Lima	21	8	8	5	27	16	24
Atletico Chalaco	21	7	9	5	29	26	23
Deportivo Municipal	21	9	4	8	33	31	22
Alfonso Ugarte	21	8	6	7	29	23	22
Universitario	21	5	11	5	35	29	21
Union Huaral	21	6	7	8	22	28	19
Sport Boys	21	6	7	8	26	29	19
Juan Aurich	21	5	8	8	19	26	18
Melgar	21	5	7	9	20	28	17
Colegio Nac. Iquitos	21	3	11	7	22	39	17
Coronel Bolognesi	21	5	7	9	16	23	17
Deportivo Junin	21	5	6	10	22	34	16
Juventud La Palma	21	3	7	11	16	35	13

COLOMBIA: Closing Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Group A							
Deportivo Cali	12	4	8	0	21	13	16
Millonarios Bogota	12	5	5	2	17	15	15
America de Cali	12	4	5	3	16	16	13
Pereira	12	4	4	4	18	21	12
Caldas	12	3	5	4	11	11	11
At. Junior Barranquilla	11	2	7	2	9	9	11
Quindio	12	1	7	4	9	17	9
Group B							
Nacional Medellin	12	6	4	2	21	14	16
Cucuta	12	4	5	3	14	11	13
Medellin	12	4	4	4	13	14	12
Indep. Santa Fe	12	2	7	3	19	22	11
Tolima	11	2	6	3	11	11	10
Union Magdalena	12	1	7	4	10	13	9
Bucaramanga	12	1	6	5	8	12	8

CHILE: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cobreloa (1)	22	11	8	3	33	18	31
Univ. de Chile (1)	22	11	8	3	25	10	31
Concepcion	22	11	8	3	49	34	30
O'Higgins	22	11	6	5	34	20	28
Colo Colo (1)	22	7	9	6	42	26	24
Universidad Catolica	22	9	6	7	32	30	24
Everton	22	9	6	7	36	30	24
Naval	22	8	8	6	26	22	24
Union Española	22	7	9	6	30	27	23
Magallanes	22	6	10	6	17	23	22
Iquique (2)	22	5	9	8	23	33	21
Audax Italiano	22	6	8	8	25	27	20
Aviacion	22	5	9	8	21	34	19
Coquimbo	22	4	9	9	30	31	17
Lota Schwager	22	5	6	11	34	36	16
Wanderers	22	3	8	11	21	31	14
Green Cross	22	4	5	13	19	39	13

(Bonus points obtained in pre-season championship in brackets)

URUGUAY: First Division

1. Nacional 23 games/36 pts; 2. Wanderers 23/30; 3. Bella Vista 23/26; 4. Peñarol 22/25, Defensor 22/25, Sud America 23/25, Danubio 23/25; 8. Cerro 23/23; 9. Progreso 23/21; 10. River Plate and Miramar 22/18; 12. Fenix and Huracan Buceo 22/17; 14. Rentistas 23/10. (Three full fixtures to go.)

BOLIVIA: Professional League

1. Jorge Wilstermann 28 pts; 2. The Strongest 23; 3. Petrolero 22; 4. Bolivar, Municipal and Guabira 17; 7. Blooming and Oriente 16; 9. San Jose 12; 10. Independiente Unificada, Always Ready and Real Santa Cruz 10; 13. Aurora 8; 14. Stormers 4.

ECUADOR: 2nd Championship

Division A: 1. America and Nacional 13 pts; 3. Barcelona and Everest (both Guayaquil) 10; 5. Universidad Catolica and Liga Deportiva Universitaria (both Quito) 9; 7. Deportivo Quito and Tecnico Universitario (Ambato) 7; 9. Emelec (Guayaquil) and Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Cuenca) 6.
Division B (Leaders): 1. Liga Deportiva Estudiantil 13; 2. Guayaquil 12; 3. Deportivo Quevedo 11.

PARAGUAY: First Division (2nd part)

Group A — 1. Libertad 5 pts; 2. Cerro Porteño 4; 3. Sol de America 2; 4. Guarani 1; 5. River Plate 0. Group B — 1. Sportivo Luqueno 4; 2. Tembetary and Nacional 3; 4. Olimpia 2; 5. Rubio Ñu 0.

EAST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Car Zeiss	6	6	0	0	17	6	12
Dynamo Dresden	6	5	0	1	12	7	10
1.FC Magdeburg	6	4	1	1	17	5	9
Dynamo Berlin	6	4	1	1	16	4	9
Chemie Belen	6	4	0	2	8	6	8
Lokomotiv	6	3	1	2	11	8	7
Vorwarts	6	1	3	2	9	10	5
Hansa	6	1	3	2	6	8	5
Wismut	6	2	1	3	4	10	5
Chemie Halle	6	2	0	4	11	15	4
Karl-Marx Stadt	6	1	2	3	6	10	4
Rot-Weiss	6	1	1	4	7	14	3
Stahl	6	0	2	4	6	17	2
Sachsenring	6	0	1	5	5	15	1

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widzew	7	5	2	0	12	4	12
Legia	7	4	2	1	13	6	10
Motor	7	4	2	1	10	5	10
Ruch	7	5	0	2	15	11	10
GKS Szombierki	7	4	1	2	14	10	9
Zawisza	6	4	0	2	8	4	8
Arka	7	3	2	2	8	6	8
Baltyk	7	3	2	2	5	6	8
LKS Lodz	7	2	1	4	8	7	5
Wisla	7	2	1	4	7	9	5
Gornik	7	2	1	4	4	9	5
Lech	7	1	3	3	4	9	5
Zaglebie	7	1	3	3	2	7	5
Odra	7	1	2	4	3	7	4
Stal	7	2	0	5	10	15	4
Slask	6	1	0	5	5	12	2

ROMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Dynamo	7	6	0	1	14	3	12
FC Arges	7	5	0	2	18	7	10
Corvinul	8	5	0	3	18	11	10
Univers. Craiova	6	5	0	1	9	3	10
Sportul Stud.	8	4	1	3	13	11	9
Red Banner Brashov	8	4	1	3	8	7	9
Chimnia	8	4	1	3	14	17	9
Jiul	8	4	0	4	14	10	8
ASA	8	3	2	3	15	15	8
Baia Mare	8	3	1	4	10	13	7
Politehnica Iasi	6	3	0	3	10	8	6
Politehn. Temisoar	6	3	0	3	5	5	6
Univers. Cluj	8	2	1	5	6	10	5
Progresul	8	2	1	5	12	17	5
Bacau	7	2	1	4	9	16	5
OLT	7	2	1	4	4	12	5
Steaua	6	2	0	4	7	8	4
Galati	8	2	0	6	8	19	4

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dukla Prague	5	3	2	0	10	3	8
Bohemian	5	3	1	1	10	2	7
Banik	5	3	1	1	9	5	7
Sparta	5	2	3	0	4	0	7
Cheb	5	2	2	1	7	3	6
Dukla B. Bystrica	5	3	0	2	9	9	6
Slovan	5	3	0	2	8	8	6
Spartak Trnava	5	2	1	2	4	6	5
Slavia	5	1	3	1	3	5	5
Lokomotiva	5	1	2	2	5	5	4
ZTS Kosice	5	1	2	2	4	4	4
Tatran	5	1	2	2	6	7	4
Zbrojovka	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Plastika	5	1	1	3	7	11	3
Spartak Hradec Kr.	5	1	0	4	4	12	2
Inter	5	0	1	4	5	13	1

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CSKA	6	5	1	0	19	4	11
Trakia	6	5	0	1	17	5	10
Levski-Spartak	6	3	1	2	14	7	7
Spartak	6	3	1	2	12	8	7
Lokomotiva	6	3	1	2	9	6	7
Marek	6	3	1	2	9	7	7
Cremorec	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Botev	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Cerno more	6	3	0	3	10	13	6
Slavia	6	1	3	2	7	9	5
Minjor	6	2	1	3	5	8	5
Pirin	6	1	3	2	9	15	5
Belasica	6	2	0	4	7	12	4
Beroe	6	1	2	3	8	15	4
Sliven	6	1	0	5	5	13	2
Akademik	6	1	0	5	6	15	2

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AEK	4	4	0	0	11	4	8
Aris	4	3	0	1	11	5	6
Olympiakos	4	3	0	1	10	4	6
Doxa	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
Ethnikos	4	1	3	0	6	4	5
Panionios	4	1	3	0	7	6	5
PAOK	4	1	2	1	5	3	4
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YUGOSLAVIA

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Olimpia	6	3	3	0	7	2	9
Red Star	6	4	1	1	7	4	9
Dynamo	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
Radnicki	6	3	2	1	8	4	8
Hajduk	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
Sloboda	6	3	0	3	11	12	6
Zeljeznicar	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Napredak	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Partizan	6	2	1	3	9	7	5
FC Sarajevo	6	2	1	3	9	9	5
Borac	6	2	1	3	7	7	5
OFK Beograd	6	2	1	3	9	10	5
Vardar	6	1	3	2	7	9	5
Vojvodina	6	2	1	3	6	8	5
Buducnost	6	0	5	1	2	4	5
Velez	6	1	2	3	5	6	4
NK Zagreb	6	1	0	5	6	21	2

ALBANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Besa	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Labinoti	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Besalidiya	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
17th Nendori	2	1	0	1	3	1	2
Dynamo	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Flamurtari	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Luftetari	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Lokomotiva	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
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Vlazeia	2	1	0	1	1	3	2
Tomori	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Partizani	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
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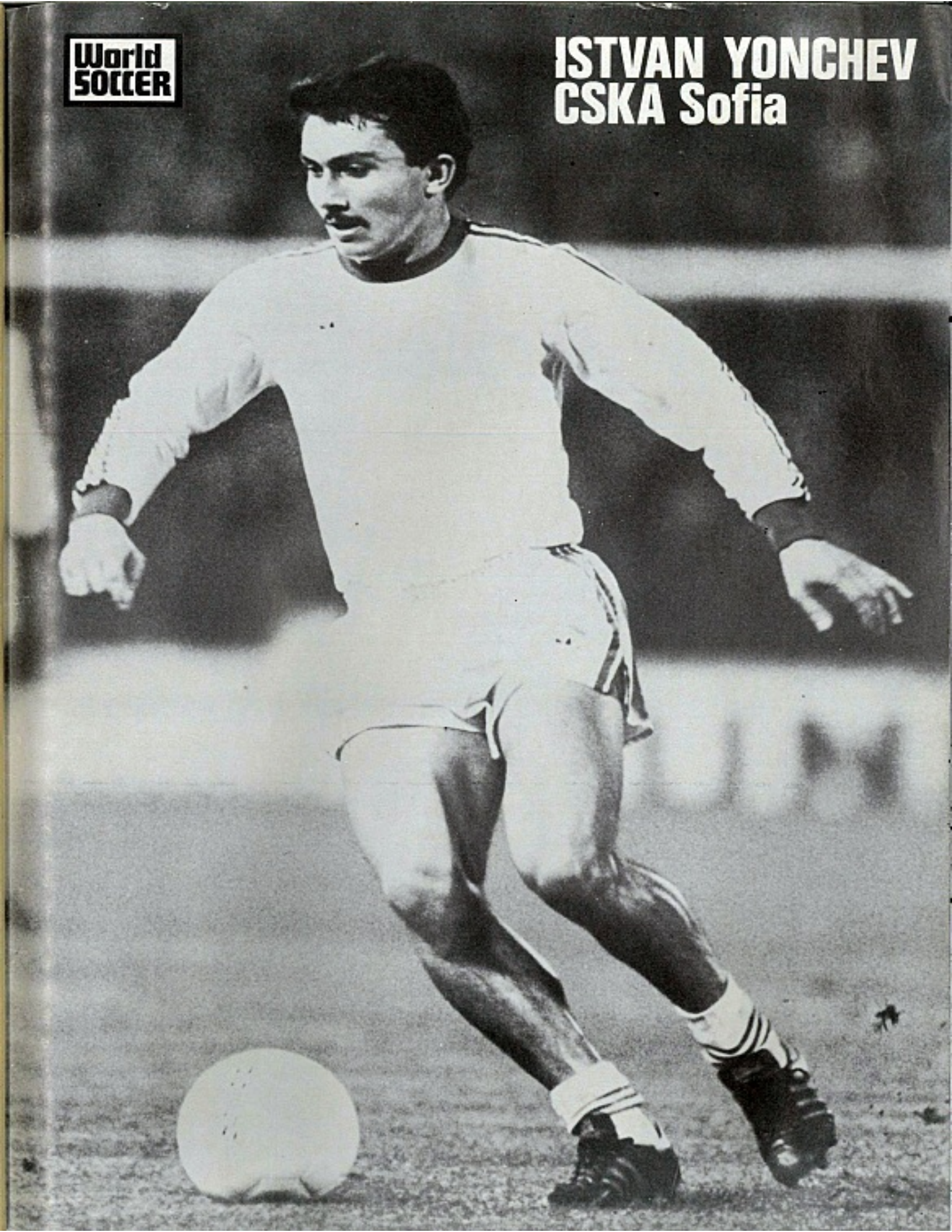

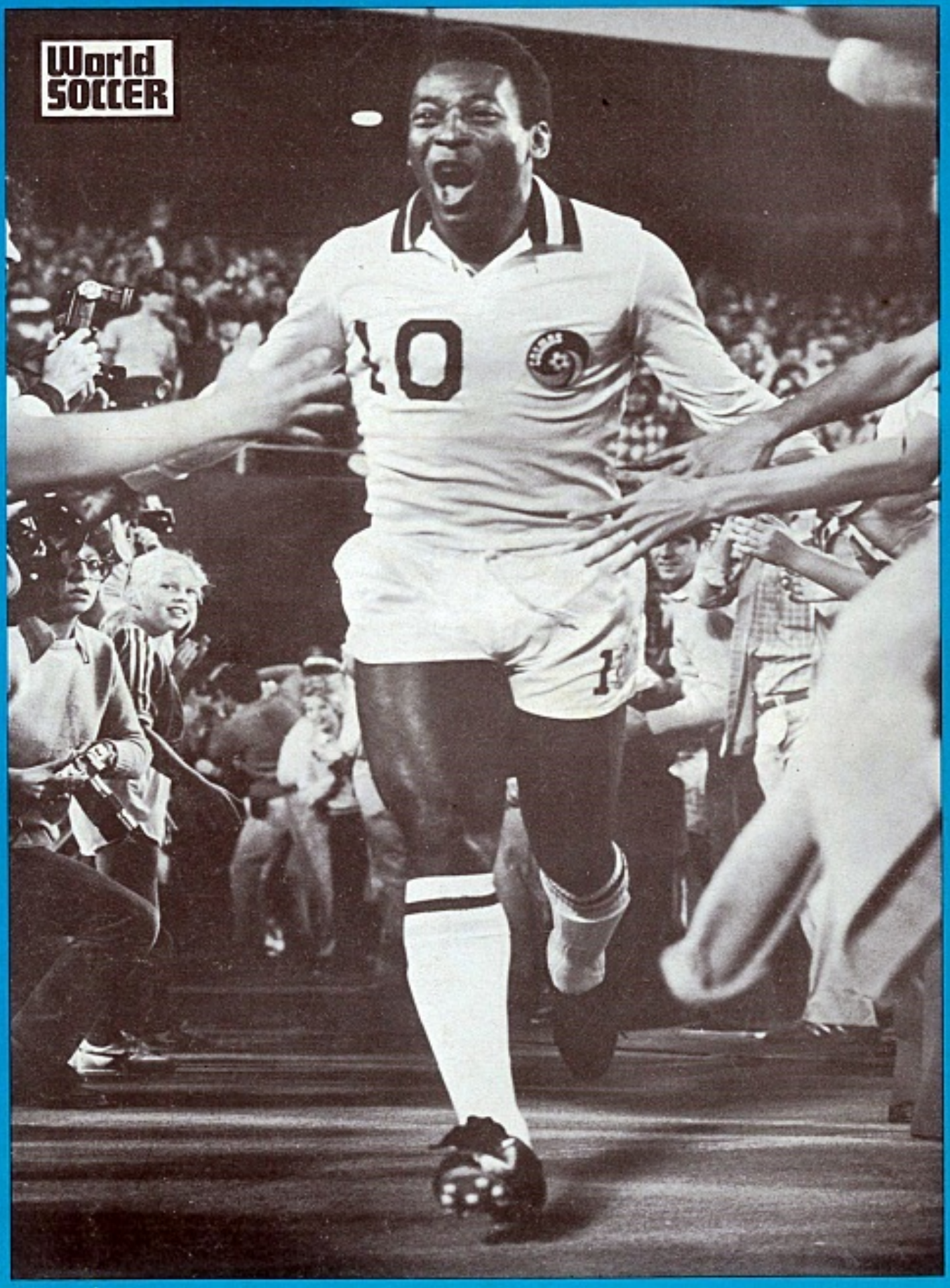

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